



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #42

SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement will provide time and area specifics for a broad area commercial purse seine fishing opportunity in PWS on Friday, August 28 through Monday, August 31.

Aerial surveys are expected to continue for escapement monitoring of later-timed stocks returning to PWS.

WNH has collected 6.1% of the pink salmon egg take goal. AFK began egg take today, August 27, and CCH began egg take today, but postponed because of a high green egg percentage. PWSAC completed its 2026 pink salmon cost recovery goal on August 10.

Through August 26, VFDA has collected 60% of the 270 million pink salmon egg take goal. VFDA estimates that broodstock needs have been secured at the hatchery.

Preliminary harvest from the fishing periods occurring on August 26 are as follows:

- Northern District: 21,100 pink and 47 coho salmon with 4 deliveries salmon
- Coghill District: 1,800 pink and 912 coho salmon with 8 deliveries reported
- Southwestern District: 90,000 pink, 136 coho, and 5 chum salmon with 20 deliveries reported

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District, **waters south of the latitude of 60° 57.00' N.**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 28, through Monday, August 31.

Waters inside the following Eastern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers will be closed for this period to protect early-season escapement. Waters closed for this period include the following areas:

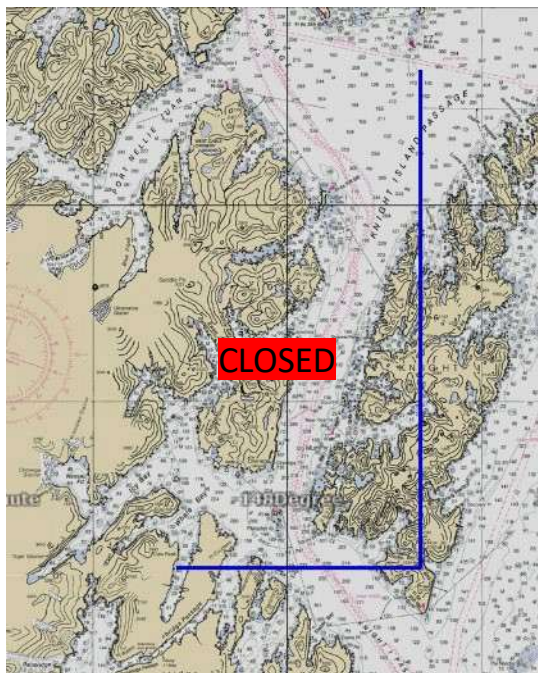
- (1) **Port Fidalgo Subdistrict:** waters east of 146°24.12' W. long.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District, excluding waters of the Perry Island and Cannery Creek Subdistricts and CCH THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 28, through Monday, August 31.

COGHILL DISTRICT: The Coghill District, excluding waters of the Esther Subdistrict and WNH THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet harvest for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 28, through Monday, August 31.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 28, through Monday, August 31.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southwestern District, south of the latitude of 60° 11.50' N and east of Point Helen (147° 46.27' W.) and excluding waters of the Port San Juan and Pt. Elrington Subdistricts and AFK THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 28, through Monday, August 31.



MONTAGUE DISTRICT: Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 28, through Monday, August 31.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Friday, August 28, through Monday, August 31.

Copies of the regulation booklet, *2025-2028 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound*, are available in the Cordova and Anchorage ADFG office. [2025-2028 Prince William Sound Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations](#)

ALL buyers purchasing fish in the PWS Management Area are required to complete a Processor Registration Form. Contact the Cordova office for any questions regarding registration.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be released by 2:00 pm on Monday, August 31.

Announcement recordings are available for gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main> (Prince William Sound and Copper River homepage).

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure they are current.

The department also encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 800-478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.