



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #44

GILLNET FISHERIES:

COGHILL DISTRICT: Harvestable surplus in the Coghill District is no longer predominately pink salmon and, per 5 AAC 24.370 (e)(5)(B), drift gillnet is anticipated to be the only legal commercial salmon fishing gear type for the remainder of the season. The Coghill District, excluding the WNH SHA and THA, will open to commercial **drift gillnet** harvest for two 12-hour fishing periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Tuesday, September 1 and Wednesday, September 2.

SEINE FISHERIES: **Fishermen should confirm their market before fishing.** This announcement will provide time and area specifics for a broad area commercial purse seine fishing opportunity in PWS on Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, September 4.

Through August 30, WNH, AFK and CCH have collected 46%, 32%, and 26% of the egg take goals, respectively. PWSAC completed its 2026 pink salmon cost recovery goal on August 10.

Through August 30, VFDA has collected 70% of the 270 million pink salmon egg take goal. VFDA estimates that broodstock needs have been secured at the hatchery.

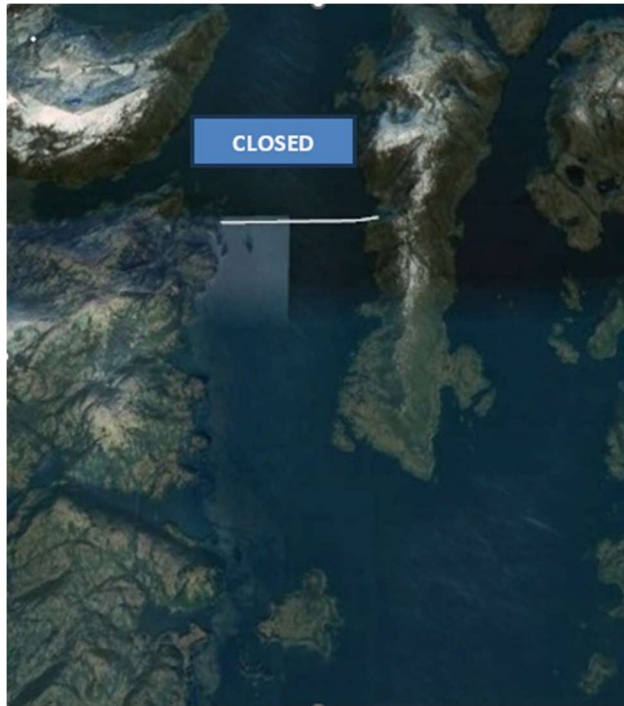
Preliminary harvest from the fishing period occurring on August 30 are as follows:

Coghill District: 736 pink and 1,033 coho salmon with 8 deliveries reported

Eastern District: Confidential

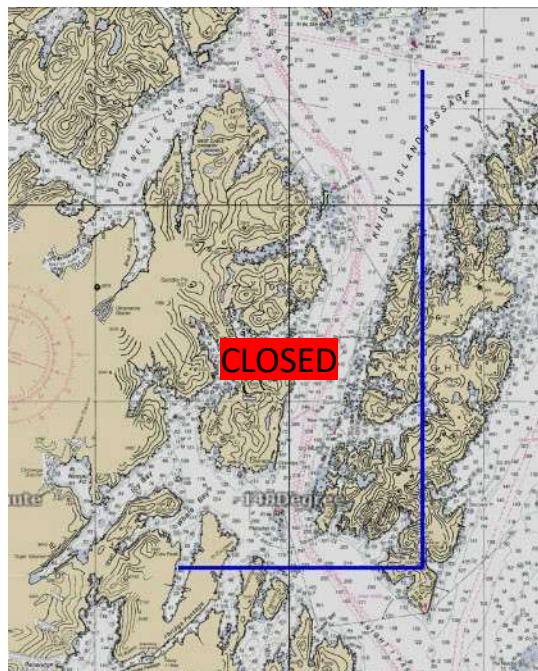
EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District, **south of the latitude of 60° 57.00' N.**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, from Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, September 4.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Northern District, **excluding** waters of the Cannery Creek Subdistricts north of a latitude 60° 56.00' N. 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, from Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, September 4.



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, from Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, September 4.

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 the AFK THA and SHA, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, from Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, September 4.



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, from Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, September 4.

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, from Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, September 4.

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 gillnet salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be released by 2:00 pm on Wednesday, September 2.

The next scheduled seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be released by 2:00 pm on Friday, September 4.

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.