



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #46

COGHILL DISTRICT: The Coghill District, excluding the WNH SHA, will open to commercial **drift gillnet** harvest for daily 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, from Thursday, September 3 through Sunday, September 6. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 12-hour period that started on Tuesday, September 1 were 1,900 coho salmon with 24 deliveries reported.

ESHAMY DISTRICT: The Eshamy District will open to commercial **drift gillnet** harvest for a **36-hour** period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, September 3. The Eshamy District, excluding waters of the MBH AGZ, will open to commercial **set gillnet** harvest for a **36-hour** period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, September 3. The MBH AGZ will open to **DRIFT GILLNET** permit holders only during this fishing period.

The Eshamy River weir has passed 14,759 sockeye salmon through 9/1 with a cumulative target of 11,597–24,978 fish for the date.

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 salmon 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.