



## Advisory Announcement

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### Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #50

**COPPER RIVER DISTRICT:** The Copper River District will open at 7:00 am on Monday, August 15 for a 24-hour commercial drift gillnet fishing period. The Copper River District has switched to coho salmon management. The standard management strategy for coho salmon is one or two 24-hour periods per week depending on escapement and harvest levels.

The grass bank marker line is defined in 5AAC 24.350(1)(A) with the exception of this year's extension of the closure line across Little Softuk (**see bold font below**). This closure line is defined with the following points:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
Point Whitshed South	60° 26.49' N.	145° 52.86' W.
Alaganik Slough North	60° 24.65' N.	145° 36.70' W.
Pete Dahl East	60° 20.44' N.	145° 29.14' W.
West Kokenhenik	60° 14.88' N.	145° 10.01' W.
East "East Side"	60° 14.83' N.	145° 03.36' W.
Coffee Creek East	60° 14.19' N.	144° 58.01' W.
Charlie Mohr North	60° 15.15' N.	144° 56.43' W.
Martin River North	60° 15.29' N.	144° 52.52' W.
Strawberry Reef	60° 13.93' N.	144° 50.66' W.
<b>Little Softuk</b>	<b>60° 13.16' N.</b>	<b>144° 41.38' W.</b>

Waters north of this line, within sloughs, and in Boswell Bay within the bay (5 AAC 24.350 (1)(A)) are closed to commercial and subsistence salmon fishing during all periods.

During the commercial fishing season, subsistence harvest may occur in the Copper River District concurrent in time and area with commercial fishing periods until the Copper River District is closed at the end of the season. Additionally, waters of the Copper River District will open to subsistence fishing from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm on all remaining Saturdays through October 31. Prince William Sound Management Area salmon subsistence permits may be obtained through any ADF&G office or online (<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/>). **In Cordova, permits will be available during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** ADF&G staff will not be available to issue permits before hours, after hours, on state holidays, or on weekends. Permit holders are encouraged to call the Cordova office at 907-424-3212 or report online (<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Harvest/>) to provide preliminary harvest reports to assist with inseason harvest tracking.

For the week ending July 30, the actual Copper River Delta survey count was 37,665 sockeye salmon versus an anticipated range 32,568 – 79,979. Observational conditions on this survey were good. Preliminary harvest estimates from Prince William Sound Salmon Announcement

the 24-hour period that started on Thursday, August 11 are not yet available due to lack of timely reporting.

**BERING RIVER DISTRICT:** The Bering River District will open at 7:00 am on Monday, August 15 for a 24-hour commercial drift gillnet fishing period. The standard management strategy for coho salmon in the Bering River District is to fish concurrent fishing time with the Copper River District.

**ESHAMY DISTRICT:** The Eshamy District will open to commercial gillnet harvest for a 24-hour period starting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 15. The AGZ will open to **DRIFT GILLNET** permit holders only during this fishing period. The Eshamy River weir has passed 16,397 sockeye salmon through 8/12 with a cumulative target of 5,752–12,389 fish for the date. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 24-hour period that started on Thursday, August 11 are not yet available due to lack of timely reporting.

**SEINE FISHERIES:** PWSAC cost recovery fishing is ongoing and as of yesterday, August 12, they have collected approximately 79% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. Department sampling of cost recovery harvest occurring at AFK on August 10 was 25% female, samples taken on the grounds yesterday by PWSAC staff ranged between 30% to 47%. Department sampling of cost recovery harvest occurring at CCH on August 10 was 30% female. Department sampling of harvest occurring at WNH on August 11 was 39% female. Broodstock collection has begun at AFK and WNH. Cost recovery fishing at CCH and WNH is anticipated to occur today.

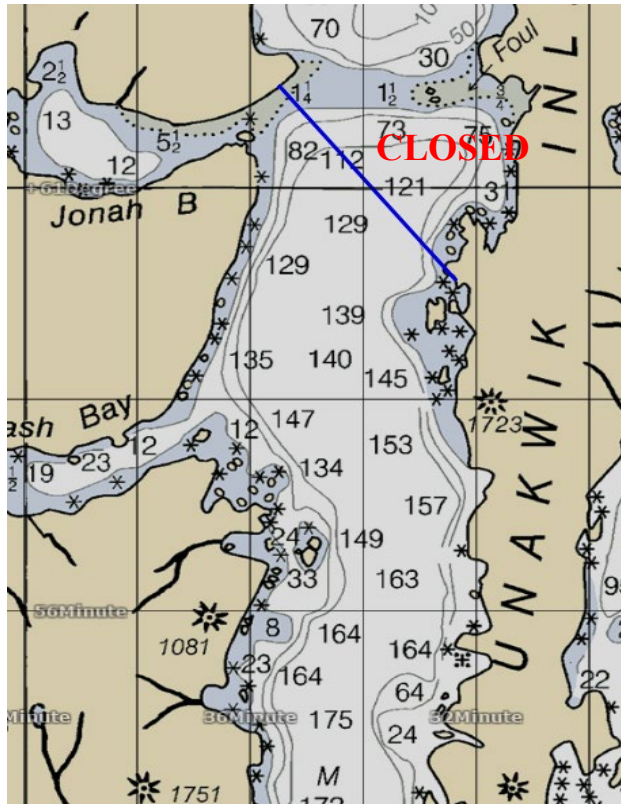
VFDA began their egg take on August 1 and has completed 54% of their egg take goal as of yesterday, August 12.

Following tomorrow's period future fishing opportunities will be dependent on PWSAC run entry. The fleet should be prepared for additional fishing opportunity occurring as early as Monday, August 15.

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Eastern District, south of a line from a Potato Point to Entrance Point, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 14.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Sunday, August 14.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Cannery Creek Subdistrict, south of a line from 61° 00.97' N Lat., 147° 35.50' W Long., to 60° 59.12' N Lat., 147° 32.35' W Long., will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a **6-hour period, from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm**, on Sunday, August 14. Anadromous stream and regulatory closed waters in the CCH Subdistrict will not be in effect for this fishing period, this includes waters in Jonah and Siwash Bays.



Copies of the updated regulation booklet, *2022-2024 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound*, are not yet available in the Cordova ADFG office. In the interim, please reference: [2022-2024 Prince William Sound Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations \(alaska.gov\)](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws)

**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 at 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 14. The next scheduled gillnet fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, August 17.**

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at anytime inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

Announcement recordings are available for **gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345. In addition, announcement recordings are available in Anchorage at 267-2843.**

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 CopperRiver 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.