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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #54

SEINE FISHERIES: Seine fisheries will be closed on Tuesday, August 16, to evaluate fisheries performance data. PWSAC cost recovery fishing is ongoing and they have collected approximately 88% of the assigned pink salmon revenue goal. Industry sampling of cost recovery fish harvested from CCH on August 14 was 34% female. Broodstock continues to be collected at both AFK and WNH. PWSAC estimates there are approximately 150,000 fish in the HEEZ at AFK and approximately 90,000 fish behind the barrier seine at WNH. Cost recovery effort is occurring today at CCH.

Future fishing opportunities targeting PWSAC pink salmon are dependent on run entry, cost recovery progress, and broodstock collection. The Department will announce daily through Wednesday to provide the fleet with up-to-date information pertaining to a potential opener targeting surplus PWSAC fish.

Preliminary harvest from the fishing periods occurring yesterday, August 14 is as follows:

Eastern District: 97,000 pink salmon, 44,000 chum salmon and 700 coho salmon with 68 reported deliveries.

Northern District: 124,000 pink salmon and 1,000 chum salmon with 48 reported deliveries.

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.main)

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 Tuesday, August 16. 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.