



Advisory Announcement
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #10

COPPER RIVER DISTRICT: The Copper River District will remain closed to commercial fishing. Permit holders are advised that the Copper River commercial fishery may open on short notice should indices of sockeye salmon abundance support fishing. A minimum of 17 hours advance notice of a fishery opening is anticipated. The Copper River District will open to subsistence fishing at 7:00 am on Thursday, June 11 for a 12-hour fishing period. Waters within the **expanded** Chinook salmon inside closure area will be **CLOSED** during this subsistence fishing period.

The **expanded** Chinook salmon inside closure area will be defined as waters north of a line connecting the following points:

| <i>Point</i> | <i>Latitude</i> | <i>Longitude</i> |
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| Steamboat North | 60° 22.87' N. | 145° 33.50' W. |
| Steamboat South | 60° 22.31' N. | 145° 33.50' W. |
| West side Pete Dahl Entrance | 60° 18.89' N. | 145° 30.99' W. |
| West end Grass Island | 60° 18.30' N. | 145° 28.42' W. |
| East end Grass Island | 60° 15.24' N. | 145° 17.89' W. |
| West end Kokenhenik Bar | 60° 15.00' N. | 145° 16.20' W. |
| East end Kokenhenik Bar | 60° 13.65' N. | 145° 09.46' W. |
| Western tip of Softuk Bar | 60° 13.68' N. | 145° 05.78' W. |
| Chinook Alternate #1 | 60° 13.79' N. | 144° 59.09' W. |
| Chinook Alternate #2 | 60° 13.64' N. | 144° 53.78' W. |
| Chinook Alternate #3 | 60° 12.64' N. | 144° 40.21' W. |

*Please note that the 'Coffee Creek West' point was replaced with 'Chinook Alternate #1'.

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> |
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| 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. |

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| Martin River North | 60° 15.29' N. | 144° 52.52' W. |
| Strawberry Reef | 60° 13.93' N. | 144° 50.66' W. |
| Little Softuk | 60° 13.16' N. | 144° 41.38' W. |

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, excluding the expanded Chinook salmon inside closure area, will be OPEN to subsistence fishing from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm on Saturday, June 13.** Subsistence users may obtain subsistence permits during regular business hours. The Cordova ADF&G office is open to the public Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. **Subsistence permits are not available outside of regular office hours.** 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.

To date, the sonar count is the 12th lowest on record (1978-2020). Cumulative commercial harvest this year is the 3rd lowest harvest to-date in the last 50 years. Cumulative sonar count through 6/9 is 175,469 fish whereas 281,158 fish are projected by this date. The 0600 count for 6/10 is 1,968 fish.

BERING RIVER DISTRICT: The Bering River District will remain closed to commercial fishing.

COGHILL DISTRICT: The Coghill District, excluding waters of the Esther and Granite Bay subdistricts and waters of the WNH SHA and THA, will open to commercial drift gillnet harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, June 11. Waters of the Granite Bay Subdistrict will open to commercial drift gillnet harvest for 12 hours, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Thursday, June 11. Preliminary harvest estimate from the 36-hour period that started on Monday, June 8 was 14,500 chum and 1,200 sockeye salmon with 229 deliveries reported.

PWSAC cost recovery harvests began at WNH on Monday, June 8 with approximately 15,000 chum salmon harvested. Due to reduced run entry, zero fish were harvested for cost recovery on Tuesday, June 9, and indications are that run entry into Esther Subdistrict and the WNH THA and SHA remains slow today. Hatchery staff estimated 2,000 chum salmon in the WNH HEEZ on Wednesday, June 10. **In response to COVID-19, all PWSAC facilities are closed to the public until further notice.**

ESHAMY DISTRICT: The Eshamy District, **excluding the AGZ inside a line of buoys in front of the barrier seine**, will open to commercial gillnet harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, June 11. The AGZ will open to **SET GILLNET** permit holders only during this fishing period. Preliminary harvest estimate from the 36-hour period that started on Monday, June 8 was 10,500 sockeye and 5,000 chum salmon with 209 deliveries reported.

Cost recovery harvests will commence at MBH as run entry and hatchery escapement warrants. **In response to COVID-19, all PWSAC facilities are closed to the public until further notice.**

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: The Port Chalmers Subdistrict, **north of 60°12.56' N. lat. and east a line from 60° 12.56'N., 147° 20.25'W. to 60° 20.00'N., 147° 14.30'W.,** will open to purse seine fishing for **36-hours** beginning at 8:00 am on Thursday, June 11 and for **36-hours** beginning at 8:00 am on Saturday, June 13. A regular schedule of three fishing periods per week is anticipated to remain in effect until further notice. This change in schedule is to allow for more timely reporting, while providing more fishing opportunity on Port Chalmers chum salmon.

Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures within the Port Chalmers Subdistrict will not be in effect until further notice. Preliminary harvest estimate from the 60-hour period that started on Thursday, June 4 was 26,140 chum salmon with 30 deliveries reported.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: The AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will open to purse seine fishing for **48-hours** beginning at 8:00 am on Thursday, June 11. A regular schedule of two fishing periods per week is anticipated to remain in effect until further notice. **Anadromous stream closures within the AFK Hatchery THA and SHA will not be in effect until further notice.** Preliminary harvest estimate from the 48-hour period that started on Thursday, June 4 was 3,907 chum and 117 sockeye salmon with 9 deliveries reported.

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Copies of the updated regulation booklet, *2019-2021 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound*, are available in the Cordova ADFG office

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, 12, and 17 commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Saturday, June 13.

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 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.