



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #57

SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement will detail an area adjustment for the Eastern District on **Wednesday, August 26**. VFDA is recommending that a portion of Port Valdez open to harvest surplus fish. **Fishermen should have a secure market prior to harvesting any salmon.**

All other seine fisheries are as previously announced.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District, within Port Valdez east of a line from 61° 05.00' N, **146° 19.50' W** to 61° 06.00' N, **146° 19.50' W** and south of a line from 61° 06.00' N, **146° 19.50' W** to 61° 06.00' N, **146° 15.10' W** will be open to commercial salmon fishing for a 12-hour period, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, on Wednesday, August 26.

Waters of Port Valdez inside of a line from the brown oil boom container van located between Solomon Gulch Hatchery and Allison Point, along the outermost yellow SERVS buoys around Solomon Gulch Hatchery to the brown oil boom container east of the hatchery between VFDA and PetroStar will be CLOSED to commercial fishing during this period.

The next salmon fisheries announcement is scheduled for 2:00 pm Wednesday, August 26.

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 Wednesday, August 26.

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.

Map for Port Valdez opener on Wednesday, August 26

