



## Advisory Announcement

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### **Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #64**

**COGHILL DISTRICT:** Waters of the Coghill District will remain closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing. PWSAC recommends closing the enhanced coho salmon directed commercial fishery due to slow broodstock acquisition at WNH.

**SEINE FISHERIES:** This announcement will detail purse seine fishing periods commencing on Thursday, September 10 and Friday September 11. There have been no reported purse seine deliveries in PWS since Friday, August 28. The 2020 PWS purse seine season will close at 8:00 pm on Friday, September 11. Any permit holders interested in additional fishing opportunities should contact ADF&G in Cordova.

**PWSAC recommends the AFK, CCH, and WNH SHAs, THAs, and corresponding hatchery subdistricts remain closed to build broodstock.**

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Eastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm on Thursday, September 10 and Friday September 11. 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. Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point will not be in effect during this fishing period. Waters within 200 yards of the AMHS Valdez Ferry Terminal are closed to commercial fishing when the ferry is arriving and departing. All waters of the Valdez small boat harbor and within 50 yards of the entrance to the harbor are closed to commercial fishing. Waters within the Alyeska Marine Terminal (Trans-Alaska Pipeline System) Security Zone are closed to commercial fishing.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Northern District, **excluding waters of the Cannery Creek Subdistrict, Perry Island Subdistrict, and CCH SHA and THA**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 12-hour periods Thursday, September 10 and Friday September 11.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Northwestern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm on Thursday, September 10 and Friday September 11.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southwestern District, **excluding waters of the San Juan Subdistrict, Port Ellrington Subdistrict, and AFK SHA and THA**, will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm on Thursday, September 10 and Friday September 11.

**MONTAGUE DISTRICT:** Waters of the Montague District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm on Thursday, September 10 and Friday September 11.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT:** Waters of the Southeastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for 12-hour periods, from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm Thursday, September 10 and Friday September 11.

**In response to COVID-19, all PWSAC facilities are closed to the public until further notice.**

**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 4:00 pm Friday, September 11.**

**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.