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## Advisory Announcement

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### Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #16

**COGHILL DISTRICT:** Effective 6:00 pm today, Friday, June 28, until further notice, regulatory closed waters pertaining to the Coghill River, as specified in 5 AAC 24.350(6)(B), will not be in effect during open commercial fishing periods. Commercial fishing will not be permitted within the bed or channel of the Coghill River at any stage of the tide. As previously announced, the Coghill District, excluding the Granite Bay Subdistrict, the Esther Subdistrict, and the WNH THA and SHA, opened to commercial drift gillnet harvest for a 36-hour fishing period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, June 27. Waters of Port Wells and College Fiord, north of 60° 55.81' N., and east of a line from Pakenham Point (61° 00.45' N., 148° 04.85' W.) to 60° 55.81' N., 148° 10.92' W., opened to commercial drift gillnet harvest for an 84-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Thursday, June 27. The Coghill River weir cumulative sockeye salmon count through June 27 is 15,595 fish compared to an escapement objective of 3,399–12,746 fish for this date. Preliminary harvest estimates from the 60-hour period that started on Monday, June 24 were 8,400 chum and 14,500 sockeye salmon with 95 deliveries reported.

**The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Saturday, June 29.**

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 907-267-2843.

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).

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.