



Advisory Announcement

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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #17

SEINE FISHERIES: A portion of the Coghill District will open to purse seine gear starting at 8:00 am on Friday, July 1. This opening is intended to increase fishing effort on Coghill River sockeye salmon. This announcement does not impact previously announced time and area for Coghill District commercial gillnet fisheries.

COGHILL DISTRICT: The Coghill District, waters of College Fiord, north of a latitude line at 61°01.80'N., will open to commercial purse seine harvest for a 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Friday, July 1.

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.

The Coghill River weir has passed 19,163 sockeye salmon through 6/29 with a cumulative target of 4,052–12,157 fish for the date. Preliminary harvest estimate from the 84-hour period that started on Thursday, June 23 was 19,300 sockeye and 47,400 chum salmon with 501 deliveries reported.

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 https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2022-2024_cf_pws_salmon_regs.pdf.

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 salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 2.

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time 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 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.