Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery News Release #72

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District opened, south of a line from Entrance Point to Potato Point, to commercial purse seine fishing for an 84-hour fishing period starting at 8:00 am on Sunday, September 10.

Waters of Port Valdez north of a line from Entrance Point to Potato Point will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 58-hour fishing period starting at 10:00 am on Monday, 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.

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. 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.

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.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated on Wednesday, September 13.

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