PWSAC 2017 Fisheries Updates

Monday, June 29, 2017

Chum Salmon Update

Wally Noerenberg Hatchery:

The chum salmon return timing is continuing to be below the forecast return. The hatchery is estimating between 125,000 to 150,000 chum salmon in Lake Bay. Brood stock needs are approximately 200,000 fish depending on the male to female ratio. About 10,000 fish are inside the barrier net at this time. Fish are still not interested in approaching close to the hatchery. It may take a few more days before they mature enough to approach the facility. A recommendation was made to ADF&G to liberalize the common property fishery since the cost recovery fishery is complete. Efforts to conserve the wild stock Coghill Lake sockeye salmon will also play into the amount of time and area allowed for the commercial fishery. The chum salmon harvest in the Coghill District as of 6/28 was 851,000 fish. PWSAC harvested 444,000 chum salmon of that total.

Main Bay Hatchery:

The Main Bay sockeye salmon return is lagging behind the 1.15 million fish return forecast. Total harvest as of 6/28 in the Eshamy District is approximately 232,000 sockeye salmon all caught in the CPF fishery. MBH is attempting to capture brood fish this week as the female percentage is approximately 50%.

AFK Hatchery:

The chum salmon fishery at AFK hatchery picked up last week, but is still behind forecast. Approximately, 179,000 chum salmon have been harvested as of 6/28.

Port Chalmers:

Total harvest of chum salmon as of 6/28 is approximately 354,000 chum salmon.