FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

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As of Monday July 16th, the chum fishery at AFK has harvested 2.7 million pounds of chum salmon. The fishery ending July 12th, harvested a total of 124,922 pounds of chum with a 8.4 pound average.

Pink salmon harvest was 9,853 pounds during the last opener.

Wally Noerenberg Hatchery:

As of Monday July 16th, the common property chum harvest in the Coghill district totaled 15.1 million pounds totaling 1,777,250 fish. The opener ending on July 12th harvested 232,350 pounds of chums.

Cost recovery for chums was completed in 10 fishing days, with a harvest of 267,386 chum salmon totaling 2,545,432 pounds.

PWSAC began egg take on the 5th, egg takes are going slow as fish have been slow to move into the brood pond. To date 59 million eggs have been collected. Brood collection continues as fish are moving behind the barrier seine at a rate equal to the fish used during egg take. Due to high green egg ratio PWSAC elected to take Sunday off from egg take to let fish mature. It's estimated 60,000 fish are collected behind the barrier seine. Fish surveys in the THA and SHA have been difficult as fish do not appear to be showing. To date 83,000 fish have been used for brood collection to date.

Main Bay Hatchery:

As of July 16th, there has been a total harvest of 4 million pounds of sockeye and 1 million pounds of chum. The opener ending on July 12th, harvested 228,891 pounds of sockeye and 26,431 pounds of chum with a 4.6 pound average for sockeye and 8.2 pound average for chums.

PWSAC has completed brood collection. All sockeye necessary have been secured in the brood pond. The barrier seine has been removed.

The next scheduled announcement will be on Thursday, July 19th, 2018.