FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

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As of Thursday July 5th, the chum fishery at AFK has harvested 2.2 million pounds of chum salmon. The fishery ending July 2nd, harvested a total of 120,340 pounds of chum.

The female percentage from the last opener at AFK was 50% with an 8.1 pound average.

Wally Noerenberg Hatchery:

As of Thursday July 5th , the common property chum harvest in the Coghill district totaled 13.1 million pounds totaling 1,533,566 fish. The opener ending on July 2nd, harvested 2,704,554 million pounds of chums.

The most recent age comp data from the period ending on June 29th indicates the run was comprised of 53% 5 year-olds, 19% 4 year-olds and 26% 3 year-olds.

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, as of today 20,000 fish have moved into the raceway. It's estimated 100,000 fish have been collected behind the barrier seine. Another 20,000 fish are estimated within the HEEZ. During the last opener some of the fish holding the SHA backed out to the THA and were harvested by the fleet.

Main Bay Hatchery:

As of July 5th , there has been a total harvest of 3.4 million pounds of sockeye and 969,860 pounds of chum. The opener ending on July 2nd, harvested 387,251 pounds of sockeye and 48,372 pounds of chum with a 4.4 pound average for sockeye and 8.2 pound average for chums.

PWSAC currently has an estimated 15,000 fish behind the barrier seine, due to low female count staff moved an additional 5,000 into the barrier seine to increase the female ratio. Hatchery staff is currently working to move fish into the brood pond.

The next scheduled announcement will be on Monday, July 9th.