FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

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PWSAC Announcement #2 Monday, June 18, 2018

Wally Noerenberg Hatchery:

As of Monday, June 18th, PWSAC had collected 230,842 chum salmon or 86.7% of the chum cost recovery goal. Cost recovery fishing slowed down Saturday and Sunday as weather picked up and fish spread out making fishing difficult. As of Sunday evening cost recovery was suspended until Wednesday. PWSAC need 335,949 pounds to complete chum cost recovery. Average fish weight on Sunday was 9.6 pounds, fish harvested on the 14th had a age composition of 5.9% 6 year olds, 66.8% 5 year olds, 15.5% 4 year olds and 11.8% 3 year olds. The most recent female ratio was 37% female.

At this time, PWSAC has not collected any brood stock as fish have not been moving into the bay. Estimates of fish in the bay as of the 18th was 5,000-7,000 fish with weather impacting estimates.

Main Bay Hatchery:

As of June 18th, there have been five commercial openers resulting in a total harvest of 650.000 pounds of sockeye and 228,000 pounds of chum. Fish size for sockeye remained small with a 4 pound average, while chum averaged 8 pounds.

The Main Bay barrier seine will be installed on Wednesday 20th.

The next scheduled announcement will be at 1 PM on Thursday June 21st.