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## **2023 Summary of Willapa Bay Fall Salmon Commercial Fishery Schedule**

**This summary sheet is provided as a courtesy for use as a quick reference and does not fully describe 2023 rules.** For additional information or questions, contact Barbara McClellan at #360-470-3459 or check the website at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/gillnet#information>.

### **The following are in effect for ALL commercial openers in Willapa Bay:**

- **Retention of STURGEON OR STEELHEAD is PROHIBITED.** ALL encounters MUST be reported to Wholesale Buyer or Quick Reporting.
- For QUICK REPORTING (required by 10am the day following landing), NOTICE OF INTENT, and reporting GREEN STURGEON or STEELHEAD ENCOUNTERS USE: Telephone 1-866-791-1280, Fax 360-249-1229; or email [harborfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:harborfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)
- Notice of Intent to fish any opener during 2022 is **REQUIRED** by 5 p.m. August 11, 2023.
- All participants **MUST** have attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and have their department-issued certification card in their immediate possession.
- **RELEASE ALL NATURAL (UNMARKED) CHINOOK, ALL STEELHEAD, and ALL STURGEON**
- **Live boxes are required to be used on-board for wild (unmarked) Chinook and All Steelhead prior to release.**
- **Soak times are limited to 45 minutes** (when first buoy enters the water until buoy is fully retrieved from the water)

#### **\* Area 2T:**

When fishing Area 2T, the following rule applies: Those waters north of a line from Toke Point channel marker 3, easterly through Willapa Harbor channel marker 13 (green), then northeasterly to the power transmission pole located at 46°43.1907'N, 123°50.83134'W) are **CLOSED to commercial salmon fishing September 16 through September 30, 2023.**

## 2023 Willapa Bay Fall Commercial Salmon Fishery Schedule

Date and Time	Area	Mesh Size Stretched
<b>August 2023</b>		
6 AM through 6 PM: <b>Aug. 20, 27</b>	2N	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
6 AM through 6 PM: <b>Aug. 25, 31</b>	2M, 2R	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
<b>September 2023</b>		
6 AM through 6 PM: <b>Sept. 10, 13</b>	2N, 2R	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
6 AM through 6 PM: <b>Sept. 16</b>	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T*, 2U	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Sept. 17</b>	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T*	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Sept. 18</b>	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T*, 2U	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Sept. 19, 20</b>	2N, 2M, 2R, 2U	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Sept. 21, 22</b>	2N, 2M, 2T*, 2U	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Sept. 23</b>	2M	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Sept. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28</b>	2U	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Sept. 24</b>	2N, 2M, 2R	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29</b>	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T*	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Sept. 30</b>	2M	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
<b>October 2023</b>		
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6</b>	2U	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Oct. 1, 2, 3</b>	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Oct. 4</b>	2N, 2M, 2R	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Oct. 5, 6</b>	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Oct. 7</b>	2M, 2T	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Oct. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13</b>	2U	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Oct. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13</b>	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
<b>November 2023</b>		
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Nov. 2</b>	2N, 2R, 2T, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Nov. 3</b>	2N, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Nov. 6, 13, 20</b>	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Nov. 9</b>	2N, 2T, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Nov. 16, 21</b>	2T, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: <b>Nov. 27</b>	2M, 2T, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch