



State of Washington  
Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Main Office Location: Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia WA

May 29, 2015

Dear Puget Sound commercial salmon license holder,

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has negotiated new salmon seasons through the North of Falcon/Pacific Fishery Management Council process for 2015. This letter is being sent prior to the release of the pamphlet to allow the industry to prepare in advance for the anticipated limited participation fisheries. Similar to recent years, we are planning two limited participation fisheries; one targeting pink salmon in Area 10 and the other targeting coho in Area 8A. These fisheries will have openings for gillnet and purse seine vessels.

The Area 10 pink fishery (forecast 2.4 million) will allow five boats of each gear type, gillnet and purse seine, to participate. Openings are planned during the last three weeks in August but will close earlier if 200 Chinook mortalities are reached prior to the scheduled end of the fishery.

Area 10 pink openings are tentatively planned for:

Gillnets

Tuesday 8/18  
Monday 8/24, Wednesday 8/26  
Tuesday 9/1, Thursday 9/3

Purse Seines

Wednesday 8/19  
Tuesday 8/25, Thursday 8/27  
Monday 8/31, Wednesday 9/2

Requirements for vessels participating in the Area 10 pink fishery include:

- (1) Register for limited participation fishery (enclosed is a registry form, circle Area 10);
- (2) Pay an extra permit fee of \$250 for each day of participation to cover the cost of the required on-board observer;
- (3) Employ selective gear rules (gill nets will need recovery boxes and limit net soak time to 45 minutes, mesh size restrictions are 4 ½ minimum – 5 ½ maximum, purse seines will need recovery boxes and are required to use a brailer or rolling wedge);
- (4) Participate during ALL 3 weeks, unless a cap of 200 Chinook mortalities is reached before the end of the scheduled openings;
- (5) Observe the closure area to limit conflict between commercial and recreational boats.  
(maps of the closure area will be included in the pamphlet)

If you are interested and want to pursue participation, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the department **no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>**. On August 1, we will randomly select five individuals of each gear type and notify those selected for the fishery. We will also randomly select five additional

individuals from each gear type as alternates. In the event any of the first five selected are unable to participate, the next alternate on the list will be notified, and so on.

The limited participation Area 8A coho fishery (forecast 236,000) will again be offered, and if interested please also circle Area 8A.

Area 8A coho openings are tentatively planned for:

Gillnets

Tuesday 9/16

Purse Seines

Monday 9/14

Monday 9/21

This fishery is limited to two boats and requires having an observer on board during the fishery. Two individuals will be randomly selected along with two alternates. As in previous years, there is a regular (unrestricted participation) gillnet opening scheduled in 8A for the first week in October.

Again, if you are interested and want to pursue participation in these limited entry fisheries, please fill out the enclosed form (circling the area(s) in which you would like to participate) and **return it to WDFW's Fish Program in Olympia no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Thank you for your interest,

Kendall Henry

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WDFW Fish Program  
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**APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT ON 2015 PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON  
LIMITED PARTICIPATION FISHERIES REGISTER FORM**

This application must be received by the WDFW Fish Program in Olympia **no later than July 31, 2015** to be considered for any limited participation salmon fisheries.

To apply, fill out this form and mail to:

MS 43150  
ATTN Kendall Henry  
WDFW Fish Program  
600 Capitol Way N  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

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Gear Type (**circle one**):      **Gillnet**                      **Purse Seine**

Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Washington Department of Licensing Vessel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Puget Sound Commercial Salmon License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

License Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the Catch Areas you wish to be considered for:

7   7A   7B   8   8A   8D   9A   10   11   12   12A   12B   12C   13

I hereby affirm and swear under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct. I understand that if my name is chosen for a limited participation fishery and I cannot be contacted after reasonable effort, I will be ineligible for the immediate fishery in question, but will retain my standing on the priority register. I also understand that if I agree or decline to participate in a limited participation fishery my name returns to the bottom of this year's priority register. (WAC 220-47-500(5))

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Signature

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Date