

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message **Number 13**,

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If you need a copy of the 2010 Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation pamphlet please contact (360) 902-2700 and ask for a copy or check our web site where one may be downloaded.

We have changed our web address from what is published in the pamphlet. It is now <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/salmon/>, it contains this hotline and updated information regarding Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries.

The third test catch of the Apple Cove (APC) Test Fishery was conducted on Wednesday, October 20th and a total of 3,055 chum, 19 Coho, and 7 Chinook were landed in 6 sets. There run size remained at pre-season forecast of 651,000.

Alert: The Southern Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission has been notified by Canada that Fraser chum have been downgraded below the critical threshold again. Pursuant to the Pacific Salmon Treaty, U.S. fisheries targeting Fraser chum will be closed during such a situation and so all Area 7 & 7A commercial openings are closed until further notice beginning 10/23/2010.

For the week of October 24th – October 30th all areas are currently closed except for the following:

Area 7B Bellingham Bay is open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size continuously through 8 PM October 30th, and to purse seines using the 5-inch strip continuously through 6 PM October 30th.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size during the following dates and times:

7 AM to 8 PM Thursday, October 28th

7 AM to 4 PM Friday, October 29th.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 6 PM on Monday, October 25th and Wednesday, October 27th. Chinook must be released.

Area 9A Port Gamble Bay is open continuously to skiff gill nets limited to 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh size through Saturday, October 30th. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

Areas 10 and 11 Seattle and Tacoma will be open to gill nets using 6 ¼ -inch minimum mesh during the following dates and times:

5 PM Sunday, October 24th to 9 AM Monday, October 25th.

5 PM Wednesday, October 27th to 8 AM Thursday, October 28th.

Areas 10 and 11 Seattle and Tacoma will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 6 PM on Tuesday, October 26th and Thursday, October 28th. Chinook and coho must be released.

Areas 12 and 12B Hood Canal will be open to gill nets using 6 ¼ -inch minimum mesh during the following dates and times:

7 AM to 8 PM on Monday, October 25th
7 AM to 8 PM on Wednesday, October 27th.

Areas 12 and 12B Hood Canal will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 6 PM on Tuesday, October 26th and Thursday, October 28th. Chinook and wild coho must be released. Fishers must have a recovery box onboard and operating at all times to participate.

If you suspect an error in this message or have questions please contact Jeromy Jording at (360) 902-2717. Thank you for calling the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife hotline for Puget Sound commercial fishing information.

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