

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message **Number 6**,

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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.

Fishers are reminded that Fish Friendly certification cards are required to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries. Contact (360) 902-2717 if you need to attend a workshop to get a card.

For fishers who possess a Direct Retail Endorsement please remember per Washington Administrative Code (or WAC) 220-47-001 that all Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries are designated as "Quick Reporting Required" and you must comply with provisions of WAC 220-69-240 subsection 12.

Gillnet fishers are reminded that buoy requirements, as listed on page 15 of the pamphlet, are in effect for 300 fathom drift gill nets for all openings.

The season description published in the 2010 Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation Pamphlet remains in effect and for the period of September 19th – September 25th all areas are currently closed except for the following:

Area 6D Dungeness Bay will be open to skiff gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7 AM to 7 PM daily, beginning Tuesday, September 21st through Friday, September 24th. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

Areas 7 and 7A San Juan Islands and Point Roberts are open to reef nets 5 AM to 9 PM daily, continuously through Saturday, November 14th. Wild Chinook, wild coho, and chum salmon must be released through Thursday, September 30th. After September 30th all Chinook must be released. For fishers retaining hatchery Chinook, which is allowed till October 1st, immediate possession of a WDFW Logbook is also required.

Area 7B Bellingham Bay will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size continuously starting 7AM Sunday, September 19th, through 8 PM October 30th, and to purse seines using the 5-inch strip starting 7 AM Sunday, September 19th, 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:

6 PM Sunday, September 19th to 8 AM Monday, September 20th
6 PM Monday, September 20th to 8 AM Thursday, September 23rd
6 PM Thursday, September 23rd to 8 AM Friday, September 24th.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 7 PM on Monday, September 20th. Chinook must be released.

Area 9A Port Gamble Bay is open 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.

Area 12A Quilcene Bay will be open to beach seines not to exceed 600 feet in length or 100 meshes in depth, or contain meshes of a size less than 3 inches or greater than 4 inches from 7 AM to 7 PM daily Monday, September 20th through Thursday, September 23rd. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released.

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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