PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

week 43
No. 2012-17
Friday, October 19, 2012 at 3:30 pm
[read by: Kendall Henry]

FROM OCTOBER 21ST – OCTOBER 27TH ALL AREAS ARE CLOSED EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

Areas 7 and 7A (San Juan Islands and Point Roberts) will be open to**:**

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:
Sunday, October 21st, 7 AM to Midnight
Monday, October 22nd, 7 AM to Midnight

Purse seines with 5 inch strip:
Sunday, October 21st, 7 AM to 6 PM
Monday, October 22nd, 7 AM to 6 PM
Release all Chinook and coho. Brailing of catch and recovery boxes are required.

Reef nets:
5 AM to 9 PM daily through Saturday November 10th.
Release all Chinook.

Area 7B (Bellingham Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh:
Open continuously through 12 midnight Saturday October 27th.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:
Open 7 AM to 6 PM daily Sunday October 21st through Saturday October 27th.

Area 8D (Tulalip Bay) will be open west of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point to:

Gillnets using 5 inch minimum mesh:
5 PM Sunday, October 21st to 9 AM Monday, October 22nd
5 PM Monday, October 22nd to 9 AM Thursday, October 25th
5 PM Thursday, October 25th to 9 AM Friday, October 26th

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:
Monday, October 22nd, 7 AM to 6 PM
Wednesday, October 24th, 7 AM to 6 PM
Release all Chinook.

Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay):
Open to skiff gillnets, with nets not to exceed 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh, continuously through 7 PM Saturday, October 27. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Areas 10 & 11 (Seattle and Tacoma) will be open to**:**

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:
5 PM Sunday, October 21st to 9 AM Monday, October 22nd
Wednesday, October 24th, 4 PM to Midnight.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:
Tuesday, October 23rd, 7 AM to 6 PM
Thursday, October 25th, 7 AM to 6 PM
Release all Chinook and coho.

. **Areas 12 & 12B (Hood Canal)** will be open to**:**

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:
Monday, October 22th, 7 AM to 8 PM
Wednesday, October 24th, 7 AM to 8 PM

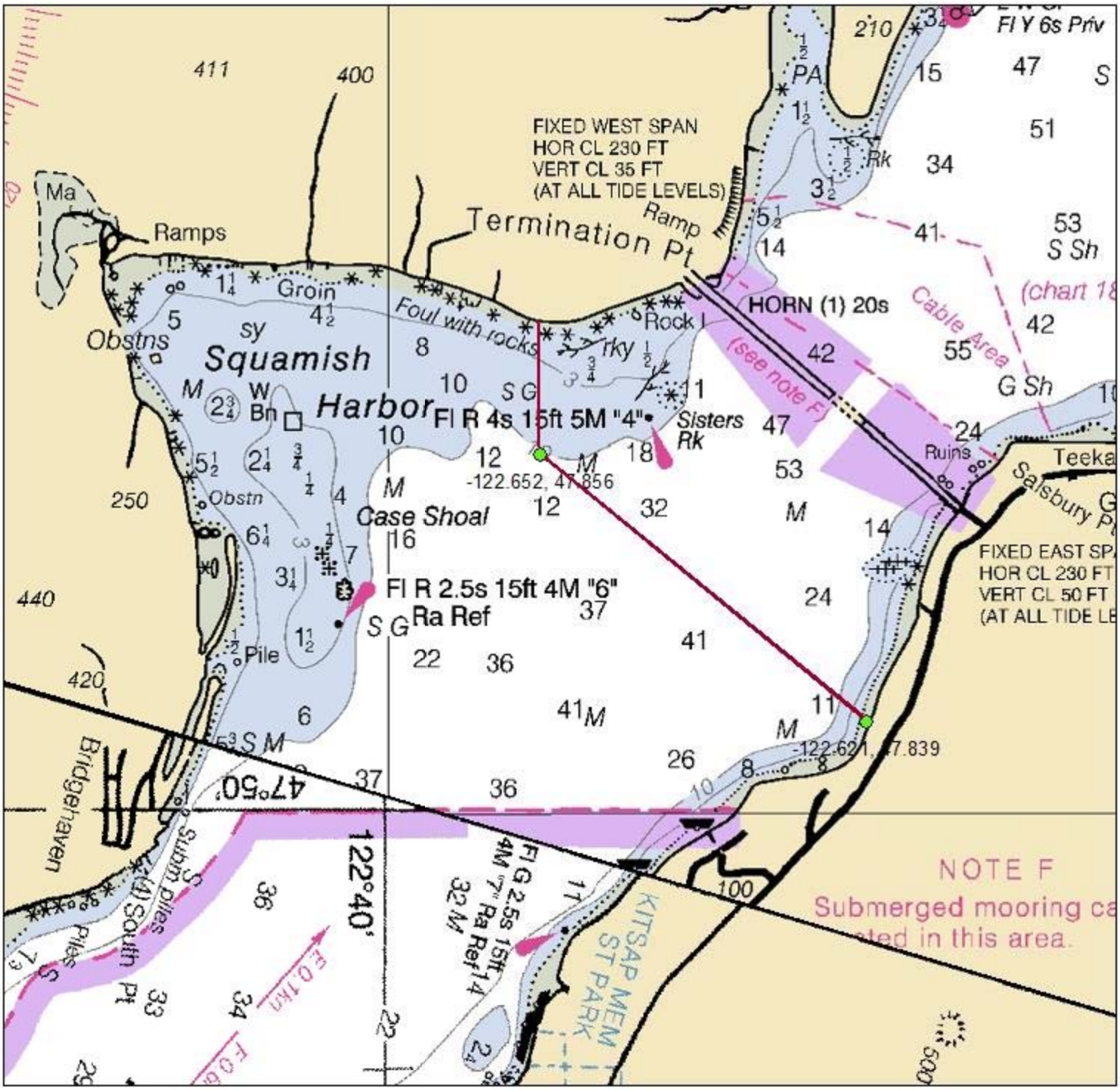
Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:
Tuesday, October 23rd, 7 AM to 6 PM
Thursday, October 25th, 7 AM to 6 PM
Release all Chinook.

On Thursday October 25th the area within 1 mile of the Hood Canal Bridge will be closed to purse seines. On October 25th, area 12 will be closed to purse seines north and east of a line from 47° 50' 20"N and 122° 37' 16"W, projected across the canal to a point at 47° 51' 22"N and 122° 39' 7"W, then projected true north to the shoreline. A map of this area is attached to this hotline on WDFW's website.

Fishers are reminded that a department issued **Fish Friendly certification card is required** to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries (including chum fisheries).

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please contact Kendall Henry, the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Manager, at 360-902-2717.

Thank you for calling the commercial fisheries hotline.



Point at:
47 50' 20"
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across to point at:
47 51' 22"
122 39' 7"

Then true north to the shore