



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

week 33

No. 2012-2

Friday, August 10, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

[read by: Kendall Henry]

For the week of August 12th – August 18th all non-Fraser Panel controlled areas are closed except as follows:

Areas 7B (Bellingham Bay) and 7C (Samish Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 7-inch minimum mesh size:

7 PM Sunday, August 12th to 8 AM Monday, August 13th.

7 PM Tuesday, August 14th to 8 AM Wednesday, August 15th.

7 PM Wednesday, August 15th to 8 AM Thursday August 16th.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday August 15th from 6 AM to 9 PM.

Purse seines must release all coho.

Area 7B Exclusions: Closed in that portion of 7B south and east of a line projected from William Point on Samish Island to the southeastern tip of Guemes Island, closed in that portion of 7B north of the railroad trestle in Chuckanut Bay, and closed in that portion of 7B that is on the Lummi Indian Reservation.

Area 7C Exclusions: Closed southeasterly of a line projected from the mouth of Oyster Creek 237 degrees true to the fishing boundary marker on Samish Island.

Area 7 and 7A sockeye fisheries are controlled by the Fraser River Panel and not posted on this hotline. Fishers should call the **National Marine Fisheries Service Hotline at 1-800-662-9825** to get opening information on Fraser Panel fisheries. Fishers are reminded that a department issued **Fish Friendly certification card is required** to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries.

2012 Limited Participation Fisheries:

Any fishers wishing to have their name entered in the lottery fishery drawing for Area 8A coho must send in their entry forms no later than August 20th. These forms were sent out to all Puget Sound commercial salmon permit holders during the week of July 18th. Other possible fisheries where full-fleet participation may need to be limited will be determined in-season and fishers may submit entry forms for all other areas at anytime.

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.