



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

week 37

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Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 9:00 am

[read by: Kendall Henry]

For the week of September 9th – September 15th all non-Fraser Panel controlled areas are closed except as follows:

Areas 7 and 7A (San Juan Islands and Point Roberts) will be open to reef nets from 5 AM to 9 PM daily through Saturday September 29th. Release all chum, sockeye, wild coho, and wild Chinook.

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

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size:

from 7 AM Sunday September 9th to 7 AM Friday September 14th

Hales Pass is closed to gillnets. Refer to the Puget Sound commercial salmon regulations for the 7B seasonal closure boundary.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Monday September 10th from 7AM to 8 PM

Wednesday September 12th from 7 AM to 8 PM

Friday September 14th from 7 AM to 8 PM

Purse seines fishing in Hales Pass must release all coho.

Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay) will be 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.

Area 12A (Quilcene Bay) will be open to beach seines from 7 AM to 7 PM daily, with nets not to exceed 990 feet in length and 200 meshes in depth using minimum 3-inch and maximum 4-inch mesh, from Monday, September 10th to Friday, September 14th.

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