



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

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Friday, September 14, 2012 at 3:00 pm

[read by: Kendall Henry]

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16TH – SEPTEMBER 22ND ALL AREAS ARE CLOSED EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

Area 6D (Dungeness Bay):

Open to skiff gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7 AM to 7 PM Friday, September 21st and Saturday, September 22nd.

Areas 7 and 7A (San Juan Islands and Point Roberts):

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:

7 AM Sunday September 16th to 7 AM Friday September 21st

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 17th from 7AM to 7 PM

Wednesday September 19th from 7 AM to 7 PM

Friday September 21st from 7 AM to 7 PM

Purse seines fishing in Hales Pass must release all coho.

Area 8A (Port Susan and Port Gardner):

Open to the purse seine vessels Wisconsin and D.C. Cole only, Monday September 17th from 7AM to 7PM. Waters south of a line from the Mukilteo Ferry Dock to the Clinton Ferry Dock are closed.

Area 8D (Tulalip Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5 inch minimum mesh size:

6 PM Sunday, September 16th to 8 AM Monday, September 17th

6 PM Monday, September 17th to 8 AM Thursday, September 20th

6 PM Thursday, September 20th to 8 AM Friday, September 21st

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Monday September 17th from 7AM to 7PM

Waters east of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point are closed to fishing.

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.

Area 12A (Quilcene Bay):

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 17th to Friday, September 21st.

There are is a conference call scheduled Tuesday morning to discuss the possibility of opening a skiff gillnet fishery in area 12A. This message will be updated if the fishing schedule changes.

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.