



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE 360-902-2500

No. 2013-6
Friday, August 30 at 3:00 p.m.
[read by: Kendall Henry]

Area 7 and 7A sockeye and pink 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 fisheries. Purse seiners fishing in 7 and 7A are reminded that brailing of catch is required during pink fisheries.

For the week beginning Sunday September 1st 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 5-inch minimum mesh size:

7 AM Sunday, September 1 to 7 AM Friday, September 6

Hales Pass is closed to gillnets.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday, September 4 from 6 AM to 8 PM

Brailing and recovery box are required and all sockeye must be released.

Purse Seines fishing in the Hales Pass closure area must release all coho.

Area 8 (Skagit Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5 inch minimum and 5½ inch maximum mesh size with max 60 mesh depth:
Tuesday, September 3 from 7 AM to 10 PM

Purse seines:

Wednesday, September 4 from 6 AM to 8 PM

Area 8A (Port Gardner and Port Susan) is closed

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 26th. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 12A (Quilcene Bay) will be open to:

Beach seines daily 7 AM to 7 PM, with nets not to exceed 990 feet in length and 200 meshes in depth using minimum 3-inch and maximum 4-inch mesh, Monday, September 2 through Friday, September 6.

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 or Steve Thiesfeld, the Puget Sound salmon manager at 360-902-2715.