



**PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON
FISHERIES HOTLINE
(360) 902-2500**

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Week 34

Friday August 14 at 5:00 p.m.

[read by: Laurie Peterson]

Area 7 and 7A sockeye fisheries are controlled by the Fraser River Panel and are 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.

For the week beginning Sunday August 16th all areas are closed except as follows:

Area 6D (Dungeness Bay) will be open to:

Beach seines from 7 AM to 7 PM daily:

Monday August 17th through Friday August 21st

Beach seines must release Chinook, chum, and sockeye.

Observers are required and fishers must contact the department prior to fishing.

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

Gillnets using 7-inch minimum mesh size:

7 PM Sunday, August 16th to 8 AM Monday, August 17th.

7 PM Monday, August 17th to 8 AM Tuesday, August 18th.

7 PM Tuesday, August 18th to 8 AM Wednesday, August 19th.

7 PM Wednesday, August 19th to 8 AM Thursday August 20th.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday August 19th from 6 AM to 8 PM.

Brailing is required and purse seines must release all coho.

Area 8A (Port Gardner), Open only in waters south of a line projected from Camano Head to the northern boundary of 8D, north of line from Mukilteo Ferry Dock to Clinton Ferry Dock, and west of a line from the southernmost boundary point of Area 8D through the green light at the entrance jetty of the Snohomish River only, **will be open to:**

Gillnets using 5 inch minimum and 5½ inch maximum mesh size:

Wednesday, August 19th from 5 AM to 11 PM

Purse seines:

Tuesday, August 18th from 7 AM to 7 PM

Purse seines must release all Chinook, sockeye and chum.

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

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/salmon/>

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, beginning 7 AM Sunday, August 16th and open continuously through 7 PM Saturday, October 31st. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 10 Limited Participation Pink Fishery:

All Puget Sound Commercial permit holders were mailed a limited participation entry form with information on how to pursue participation in these fisheries during the first week in June. The department has contacted all the boats selected for the fishery. In cases where the selected boat has chosen not to participate, we have contacted alternates. Department observers are required on board all vessels. The fishery will close when 200 Chinook mortalities are reached.

Pink seasonal closure: Area 10 is closed east of a line from West Pt extending west to the closest mid-channel buoy then true through Pt Wells until reaching latitude 47°44'500", then directly east to the shoreline. Area 10 is also closed to purse seines within 500' of the eastern shore north of 47°44'500".

Gillnets using 4½ inch minimum and 5½ inch maximum mesh size:

Open to the following gillnet vessels only: Njord, Sundance Kid, Azarel, Nellie, and Loki;
7 PM Tuesday, August 18th to 7 AM Wednesday August 19th

Gillnets must release all Chinook and coho. Operational recovery box required.

Purse seines:

Open to the following purse seine vessels only: Wisconsin, Margaret J, New Oregon, Sequel, and Harbor Gem;

Wednesday, August 19th from 7 AM to 7 PM

Purse seines must release Chinook, chum, sockeye, and coho. Brailing or rolling wedge and recovery boxes are required and must be operational at all times.

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

Beach seines on Friday August 21st, from 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.