



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

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Week 35

Friday August 21 at 5:00 p.m.

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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 23rd all 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 23rd to 8 AM Monday, August 24th

7 PM Monday, August 24th to 8 AM Tuesday, August 25th

7 PM Tuesday, August 25th to 8 AM Wednesday, August 26th

7 PM Wednesday, August 26th to 8 AM Thursday August 27th

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday August 26th from 6 AM to 8 PM.

Brailing is required and purse seines 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:

Wednesday, August 26th from 5 AM to 11 PM

Purse seines:

Tuesday, August 25th from 6 AM to 8 PM

Purse seines must release all Chinook, sockeye and chum.

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:

Tuesday, August 25th from 5 AM to 11 PM

Purse seines:

Wednesday, August 26th from 7 AM to 7 PM

Purse seines must release all Chinook, sockeye and chum.

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, is 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 north of a line from West Pt extending west to the closest mid-channel buoy then east of a line extending true through Pt Wells until reaching latitude 47°44'50". Area 10 is also closed to purse seines within 500' of the eastern shore north of 47°44'50".

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

Limited to boats selected for the limited participation fishery only.

7 PM Monday, August 24th to 7 AM Tuesday August 25th

7 PM Wednesday, August 26th to 7 AM Thursday, August 27th

Soak time (first mesh in to last mesh out) is limited to 90 minutes.

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

Purse seines:

Limited to boats selected for the limited participation fishery only.

7 AM to 7 PM Tuesday, August 25th

7 AM to 7 PM Thursday, August 27th

Purse seines must release Chinook, coho, and chum. Fishers are required to brail or use a rolling wedge and recovery boxes are required and must be operational at all times.

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

Beach seines with nets not to exceed 990 feet in length and 200 meshes in depth using minimum 3-inch and maximum 4-inch mesh:

7 AM to 7 PM daily Monday August, 24th through Friday, August 28th.

Beach seines may only retain coho.