PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE
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Week 36
Friday August 28 at 5:30 p.m.
[read by: Kendall Henry]

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 30th 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 30th to 7 AM Friday, September 4th
Hale Pass is closed to gillnets beginning on Tuesday September 1st

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:
Wednesday, September 2nd from 6 AM to 8 PM.
Brailing is required and purse seines fishing in the Hale 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 1st from 5 AM to 11 PM

Purse seines:
Wednesday, September 2nd 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:
Wednesday, September 2nd from 5 AM to 11 PM

Purse seines:
Tuesday, September 1st 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:

Department observers are required on board vessels at all times while fishing and the fishery will close if 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 Tuesday, September 1st to 7 AM Wednesday, September 2nd
7 PM Thursday, September 3rd to 7 AM Friday, September 4th

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.
Monday, August 31st from 7 AM to 7 PM
September 2nd from 7 AM to 7 PM

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, 31st through Friday, September 4th

Beach seines may only retain coho.

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/