



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

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Week 36

Monday August 31 at 11:30 a.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 30th all 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 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 trail 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.