

Puget Sound Marine Area Salmon Seasons 2015-16 Version: ~~3/02/2015~~[4/3/2015](#)

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Fishing proposals listed in this document may change to help meet conservation and fishery management objectives during the remainder of the 2015-16 North of Falcon process.

Changes made to 03/02/2015 version and brief explanation:

1. Area 6 winter blackmouth season is extended to April 30 to help keep regulations similar to adjacent areas.
2. Dungeness Bay pink fishery is added to provide opportunity on surplus pink salmon while minimizing Chinook encounters with specific gear restrictions.
3. Elliott Bay Fishery Chinook mark-selective fishery is removed due to NOAA guidance letter stating that no direct Chinook fisheries will occur; pink fishery starts one week earlier.
4. Mouth of Skokomish River, Gorst Creek, and Chico Creek are redefined to exclude free-flowing freshwater contained in the channels exposed during tidal changes to reduce snagging; additional language was added to the Skokomish River mouth definition and closure to provide clarity on the proposed change.

AREA 5 – SEKIU

Dates	Season	Limit
May 1 – June 30	Closed	
July 1 – Aug. 15	Open, except closure	2, plus 2 additional sockeye <u>or pink</u> , release chum, wild Chinook, and wild coho
Aug. 16 – Sept. 14 <u>14</u>	Open, except closure	2, plus 2 additional sockeye <u>or pink</u> through Aug. 31 <u>except only 2 additional pink starting Sept. 1</u> , release Chinook, chum, and wild coho
Sept. 19-15 <u>15</u> – Sept. 25 <u>30</u>	Open, except closure	2, <u>plus 2 additional pink</u> , release Chinook and chum
Sept. 26 – 30	Open, except closure	2, release Chinook, chum, and wild coho
Oct. 1 – Oct. 31	Open, except closure	2, release wild -Chinook and wild coho
Nov 1 – Feb. 15	Closed	
Feb. 16 – April 10 <u>30</u>	Open	2, release wild Chinook. <u>20” Chinook minimum size limit.</u>
April 11 – April 30	Closed	

Kydaka Point Closure: Waters south of a line from Kydaka Point westerly approximately 4 miles to Shipwreck Point are closed to fishing for salmon May 31 through October 31.

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AREA 6 - PORT ANGELES

Dates	Season	Limit
May 1 – June 30	Closed	
July 1 – Aug. 15	Open, except closures	2, plus 2 additional sockeye <u>or pink</u> , release chum, wild Chinook, and wild coho; release all Chinook east of Ediz Hook.
Aug. 16 – Sept. 30	Open, except closures	2, plus 2 additional sockeye <u>or pink</u> through Aug. 31 <u>except only 2 additional pink starting Sept. 1</u> , release Chinook, chum, and wild coho.
Oct. 1 – Oct. 31	Open, except closures	2, no more than 1 Chinook <u>release wild Chinook. 20” Chinook minimum size limit.</u> See closures and Dungeness Bay fishery below.
Nov. 1 – Nov. 30	Closed	
Dec. 1 – April 10 <u>30</u>	Open, except closure	2, release wild Chinook. <u>20” Chinook minimum size limit.</u>
April 11—April 30	Closed	
Dungeness Bay		
<u>July 16 – Aug. 15</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>4, pink only.</u>
Oct. 1 – Oct. 31	Open	2, coho only.

Dungeness Bay Closure: Waters inside a line from Dungeness Spit Lighthouse to the #2 Buoy, then to the Port Williams Boat Ramp, closed to fishing for salmon, except July 16-Aug. 15, pink only with one single barbless hook that measures ½” or less from point to shank, and October 1 – October 31, coho only.

Freshwater Bay (Elwha River mouth area) and Port Angeles Harbor Closures: Waters south of a line from Angeles Point westerly approximately 4 miles to Observatory Point and Port Angeles Harbor west of a line from the tip of Ediz Hook southerly to the ITT Rayonier Dock are closed to fishing July 1 through October 31.

Sequim Bay and Discovery Bay Closures: Waters of Sequim Bay south of a line from the southern end of Gibson Spit to the west end of Travis Spit and Discovery Bay south of a line from the Gardiner Boat Ramp to Beckett Point are closed to salmon fishing October 1 through October 31.

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AREA 7 - SAN JUAN ISLANDS

Dates	Season	Limit
May 1 – June 30	Closed	
July 1 – July 31	Open, except closures	2, plus 2 additional sockeye <u>or pink</u> , no more than 1 Chinook <u>release wild Chinook.</u>
Aug. 1 – Sept. 30	Open, except closures	2, plus 2 additional sockeye <u>or pink through Aug. 31</u> except only 2 additional pink starting Sept. 1 , no more than 1 Chinook, release chum and wild coho.
Oct. 1 – Oct. 31	Open, except closures	2, release wild Chinook and wild coho. <u>20" Chinook minimum size limit.</u>
Nov. 1 – Nov. 30	Closed	
Dec. 1 – April 30	Open, except closures	2, release wild Chinook. <u>20" Chinook minimum size limit.</u>
Bellingham Bay		
Aug. 16 – Oct. 31	Open	4, no more than 2 Chinook, release wild Chinook Oct. 1-31. <u>20" Chinook minimum size limit Oct 1-31.</u>

Bellingham Bay Closure and Fishery: Same as Marine Area 7 except closed April 1 – April 30, closed July 1 – August 15, and fishery rules Aug. 16 – Oct. 31.

Samish Bay Closure: Closed to salmon fishing April 1 – April 30 and July 1 – October 15; same rules as Bellingham Bay fishery Oct. 16 – 31.

Lummi Indian Reservation and Lummi Bay closure: Reservation closed to non-Indian fishing and/or access. Waters east of a line from Gooseberry Point to Sandy Point closed to salmon fishing September ~~2~~8 – October 15.

Southern Rosario Strait/Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca closure: Closed for salmon fishing ~~July~~August 1 - September 30.

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AREA 8-1 - DECEPTION PASS, SKAGIT BAY

Dates	Season	Limit
May 1 – July 31	Closed	
Aug. 1 – Sept. 30	Open	2, plus 2 additional pink , release Chinook.
Oct. 1 – Oct. 31	Open	2, release Chinook.
Nov. 1 – Apr. 30	Open	2, release wild Chinook. 20" Chinook minimum size limit.

AREA 8-2 - PORT SUSAN AND PORT GARDNER

Dates	Season	Limit
May 1 – July 31	Closed, except Tulalip Terminal fishery	
Aug. 1 – Sept. 30	Open, except closure and Tulalip Terminal fishery	2, plus 2 additional pink , release Chinook.
Oct. 1 – Oct. 31	Open, except closure	2, release Chinook.
Nov. 1 – April 30	Open, except closure	2, release wild Chinook. 20" Chinook minimum size limit.
Tulalip Terminal Area		
May 30 <u>29</u> – Sept. 1 <u>7</u>	Open Fridays – Noon Mondays, except closed on June 21 <u>13</u> and closure	2, plus 2 additional pink starting July 1. Two-pole endorsement valid.
Sept. 6 <u>12</u> – Sept. 21 <u>27</u>	Open Saturdays and Sundays only, except closure	2, plus 2 additional pink. Two-pole endorsement valid.

Tulalip Bay Closure: Closed to all fishing east of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point.

Tulalip Terminal Area Salmon Fishery: Waters west of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point and contained within 2,000 feet of shore between the pilings at Old Bowers Resort (122°16.42'W, 48°02.88'N) to 2,000 feet from shore (122°16.79'W, 48°02.63'N) and north to 2,000 feet from shore (122°19.06'W, 48°04.36'N) of the boundary marker approximately 1.4 miles north of Hermosa Point (122°18.64'W, 48°04.57'N). Same rules as area 8-2 except May ~~30~~29 – September ~~21~~27.

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AREA 9 - ADMIRALTY INLET

Dates	Season	Limit
May 1 – June 30	Closed	
July 1 – July 15	Open, except closures	2, plus 2 additional pink , release Chinook and chum.
July 16 – Aug. 15 31	Open, except closures	2, no more than 1 Chinook, plus 2 additional pink , release wild Chinook and chum.
Aug. 16 Sept. 1 – Sept. 30	Open, except closures	2, plus 2 additional pink , release Chinook and chum.
Oct. 1 – Oct. 31	Open, except closures	2, release Chinook
Nov. 1 – Nov. 30	Open, except closures	2, release wild Chinook. 20” Chinook minimum size limit.
Dec. 1 – Jan. 15	Closed	
Jan. 16 - April 15	Open, except closures	2, release wild Chinook. 20” Chinook minimum size limit.
April 16 – April 30	Closed	
Edmonds Fishing Pier		
Year – Round	Open	2, plus 2 additional pink July 1 – Sept. 30. no more than 1 Chinook, release chum Aug. 1 – Sept. 30.

Edmonds Public Fishing Pier: Waters inside a line from the boundary marker on the north breakwater to southernmost marker buoy; then to the northernmost marker buoy; then to north end of the city of Edmonds public beach is closed to salmon fishing except when fishing from the pier.

~~**Hood Canal Salmon Closure and Fishery:** Waters of Marine Area 9 south of a line from Foulweather Bluff to Olele Point closed to salmon fishing July 16 through August 31; except lawful to fish from shore contained within the boundary of Salsbury Point Park, daily limit 2 coho only.~~

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AREA 10 - SEATTLE, BREMERTON

Dates	Season	Limit
May 1 – May 31	Closed	
June 1 – June 30	Open, except closures	Catch-and-release only; see area description below.
July 1 – July 15	Open, except closures and special rules	2, plus 2 additional pink , release Chinook
July 16 – Aug. 15 31	Open, except closures and special rules	2, no more than 1 Chinook plus 2 additional pink , release wild Chinook and chum.
Aug. 16 Sept. 1 - Sept. 30	Open, except closures and special rules	2, plus 2 additional pink , release Chinook and release chum through Sept. 15.
Oct. 1 – Jan 31	Open, except closures and special rules	2, release wild Chinook. 20” Chinook minimum size limit.
Feb. 1 – April 30	Closed	
Sinclair Inlet Fishery		
July 1 – Sept. 30	Open	3, plus 1 additional pink , release wild Chinook and release chum Aug. 1 – Sept. 15. Two-pole endorsement valid.
Elliott Bay Fishery		
Aug. 8 – Aug. 16	Open Saturdays and Sundays only	2, plus 2 additional pink, release chum and wild Chinook.
Aug. 17 14 – Aug. 31	Open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only	2, plus 2 additional pink, release chum and Chinook.
Fishing Piers: Terminal 86, Seacrest, Waterman, Bremerton Boardwalk, and Illahee		
Year – Round	Open	2, plus 2 additional pink July 1 – Sept. 30 , no more than 1 Chinook and release chum Aug. 1 – Sept. 15.

Catch-and-Release Fishery: Catch-and-release only north of a line from Point Monroe to Meadow Point only from June 1 – June 30.

Elliott Bay Public Fishing Pier: Waters within 100 yards of the Elliot Bay Public Fishing Pier closed to salmon fishing except when fishing from the pier.

Duwamish Waterway Special Rules: A) Downstream of 1st Ave. South Bridge, record catch as part of area 10. B) Closed to salmon fishing July 1 – August 31. C) 1st Ave. South Bridge downstream to an east-west line through SW Hanford St. on Harbor Island (including water at the Spokane St. Bridge) from September 1 – October 31 has additional restrictions that include: night closure, Anti-Snagging Rule, and only salmon hooked inside the mouth may be retained.

Agate Pass Closure: Waters west of a line from Point Monroe to Indianola and east of a line from Point Bolin to Battle Point, January 1 – March 31 catch and release, fly fishing only; lead core line prohibited.

~~**Shilshole Bay Closure:** Waters southeast of a line from Meadow Point to West Point closed to salmon fishing July 1 – August 31.~~

Elliott Bay Closure and Fishery: Waters of Elliot Bay east of a line from West Point to Alki Point closed to salmon fishing July 1 – August 31, [except openings described in Elliott Bay Fishery north of Harbor Island. Bait prohibited and only one single barbless hook that measures ½” or less from point to shank Aug. 14-31. See Duwamish Waterway Special Rules.](#)

Sinclair Inlet Fishery: Waters of Sinclair Inlet and Port Orchard south of the Manette Bridge, south of a line true west from Battle Point, and west of a line drawn true south from Point White. Same rules as area 10 except July 1 – September 30.

Chico and Gorst Creek mouth definition: ~~Line projected between the outermost uplands at the mouth not covered by water during ordinary high water.~~ [Downstream of free-flowing freshwater that creates a line projected between the outermost exposed tidelands, including all channels.](#)

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AREA 11 - TACOMA, VASHON ISLAND

Dates	Season	Limit
May 1 – May 31	Closed	
June 1 - Dec. 31	Open, except closure	2, plus 2 additional pink July 1 – Sept. 30 , release wild Chinook. Two-pole endorsement valid Sept. 1 – Oct. 31. 20" Chinook minimum size limit starting October 1.
Jan. 1 – Jan. 31	Closed	
Feb. 1 – April 30	Open, except closures	2, release wild Chinook. 20" Chinook minimum size limit.
Fishing Piers: Dash Point, Les Davis, Des Moines, Redondo, Point Defiance Boathouse		
Year – Round	Open	2, plus 2 additional pink July 1 – Sept. 30 , no more than 1 Chinook.

Les Davis, Dash Point, and Des Moines Fishing Piers: Waters within 100 yards of Les Davis, Dash Point, and Des Moines fishing piers is closed to salmon fishing, except when fishing from the piers.

Commencement Bay Salmon Closure: Waters east of a line from the Cliff House Restaurant to the Sperry Ocean Dock closed to salmon fishing April 1 – April 30 and June 1 – July 31.

AREA 13 - SOUTH PUGET SOUND

Dates	Season	Limit
May 1 – June 30	Open, except closures	2, release wild Chinook, two-pole endorsement valid.
July 1 – Oct. 31	Open, except closures	2, plus 2 additional pink July 1 – Sept. 30 , release wild coho and wild Chinook, two-pole endorsement valid. 20" Chinook minimum size limit starting Oct. 1.
Nov. 1 – April 30	Open, except closures	2, release wild Chinook, two-pole endorsement valid. 20" Chinook minimum size limit.
Fox Island Fishing Pier		
Year-round	Open	2, no more than 1 Chinook.

Minter Creek Mouth Salmon Closure: Waters within 1,000 feet of the outer oyster stakes at the creek mouth area closed to salmon fishing April 16 through September 30.

Toliva Shoal Closure: Closed to fishing for salmon within 500 yards of the buoy on Toliva Shoal except May 1 – June 15.

Budd Inlet Closures and Gear Restrictions: Waters south of radio tower line, night closure and Anti-Snagging Rule in effect July 16 through October 31. Waters south of Fourth Avenue Bridge closed to salmon fishing. Waters between the Fourth Avenue Bridge and south of a line from the northwest corner of the Thriftway Market building to a point 100 yards north of the railroad bridge closed to salmon fishing.

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AREA 12 - HOOD CANAL

Dates	Season	Limit
May 1 – June 30	Closed	
<u>July 1 – Oct. 15</u>	<u>Open, except closures and see Hoodspport Hatchery fishery</u>	<u>4, no more than 2 Chinook, release chum and wild Chinook. 20" Chinook minimum size limit starting October 1.</u>
Oct. 16 – Dec. 31	Open, except closures	4, no more than 2 Chinook. Release wild Chinook. <u>20" Chinook minimum size limit.</u>
Jan. 1 – Jan. 31	Closed	
Feb. 1 – April 30	Open, except closures	2, release wild Chinook. <u>20" Chinook minimum size limit.</u>
South of Ayoek Point		
July 1—Oct. 15	Open, except closures and see Hoodspport Hatchery fishery	4, no more than 2 Chinook, release chum and wild Chinook.
North of Ayoek Point		
July 1—Aug. 31	Closed, except see Quileene/Dabob Bay fishery	
Sept. 1—Oct. 15	Open, except closures	4 coho only.
Hoodspport Hatchery Fishery		
July 1 – Dec. 31	Open, except closure	4, no more than 2 Chinook > 24, release wild Chinook and release chum July 1 – Oct. 15. <u>20" Chinook minimum size limit starting Oct. 1.</u> Night closure. See area description below.
Quileene/Dabob Bay Fishery		
Aug. 16—Oct. 15	Open, except closure	4 coho only. See area description below.

Enetai Hatchery Outfall Closure: Waters within 100 yards of the Enetai Hatchery outfall closed to salmon fishing.

Big Beef Closure: Waters within 100 feet of the Seabeck Hwy. NW Big Beef Creek Bridge closed to salmon fishing August 1 – November 30.

Hoodspport Hatchery Salmon Fishery: Waters within a 2,000 foot arc seaward of the yellow markers at the mouth of Finch Creek. Same rules as area 12, except July 1 – December 31.

Hoodspport Hatchery Closure: All waters between 2 yellow buoys at the mouth and the hatchery weirs, including waters within the channel created by Finch Creek on exposed tidelands, and fishing from any part of the Hoodspport Hatchery structure are closed to salmon fishing, except persons with disabilities who permanently use a wheelchair and/or who have a designated harvester card and follow area 12 rules.

~~**Quileene/Dabob Bay Coho Fishery:** Waters north of a line true east from Point Whitney to the Toandos Peninsula. Same rules as area 12, except August 16—October 15.~~

Tarboo Bay Closure: Waters north of Broad Spit (northern Dabob Bay) closed to salmon fishing September 16 – December 31.

~~**Skokomish Mouth Definition and Closure:** Line projected between the outermost uplands at the mouth not covered by water during ordinary high water. Downstream of free-flowing freshwater that creates a line projected between the outermost exposed tidelands, including all channels. Free-flowing freshwater downstream of the Tacoma powerlines are closed.~~