

Puget Sound

Below are notable changes for Puget Sound salmon fisheries this year. More details will be available in the 2017-18 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet, which will be available in late June.

- **Marine areas 9 (Admiralty Inlet) and 10 (Seattle/Bremerton):** The two areas are scheduled to be open from July 16 through Aug. 15, similar to 2016. However, both areas have higher catch quotas that should provide better opportunity. Marine Area 9 has a quota of 5,509, while Marine Area 10 has a quota of 2,166 chinook.
- **Pink salmon:** Anglers will have limited opportunities to fish for pink salmon due to projected low return of pinks this year. There are no “bonus bag” limits for pink in 2017.
- **North Sound sockeye:** The forecast for sockeye returning to Baker Lake is strong enough to allow for a lake fishery, open mid-July through early September, and a fishery on the Skagit River, which will be open June 16 through July 15.
- **Skokomish River:** A portion of the Skokomish River remains closed to non-tribal fishing this year, due to an ongoing dispute over whether the river is part of the Skokomish Reservation. WDFW, with assistance from the Governor’s Office, will continue to work with the Skokomish Tribe to resolve the matter. The closed area includes the section of river from the Tacoma Public Utilities power lines (near the mouth of the river) upstream to the Bonneville Power Administration power lines (upstream and west of Highway 101).
- **Elliott Bay:** Anglers will be able to fish the bay from Aug. 11-13 when they will be able to retain chinook as part of a two-salmon daily limit. When the area re-opens Aug. 18 for fishing on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, anglers will be able to keep hatchery coho and pink salmon.
- **Marine areas 8-1 and 8-2:** Both areas will open to fishing for hatchery chinook in November. However, anglers in Marine Area 8-2 can fish from the shore for hatchery coho Aug. 1 through Sept. 4.
- **Marine Area 7:** Anglers can fish for salmon in Marine Area 7 from July through September. The area re-opens for salmon fishing in January.
- **Mid- and south Sound:** Anglers will have a variety of opportunity for salmon fishing in mid- and south Sound with openings for both chinook and coho.