

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Hotline
(360) 902-2500
Coastal Commercial Message
Commercial Msg. 8

This commercial hotline message # 8 was recorded **August 8, 2018**, updating the status of the coastal commercial fisheries.

Commercial Troll

SUMMER FISHERY

Washington catch areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 are currently open for all salmon species. The fishery is open seven days per week. The following landing and possession limits per vessel per landing week, defined as **Thursday through Wednesday**, are in place:

U.S./Canada border to the Queets River: **50** Chinook and **10** coho; or
Queets River to Leadbetter Point: **10** coho (no limit on Chinook); or
Leadbetter Point to Cape Falcon: **75** Chinook and **10** coho.

All retained coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip. The fishery will close the earliest of September 19 or attainment of the quota of 11,000 Chinook or 4,600 coho. No more than 4,600 Chinook may be caught in the area between the U.S.-Canada border and the Queets River and no more than 1,300 Chinook may be caught in the area between Leadbetter Point and Cape Falcon. All salmon are legal except no chum retention is allowed north of Cape Alava, WA in August and September. Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area, Cape Flattery and Columbia Control Zones are closed. Grays Harbor Control Zone is closed beginning August 13.

Vessels must land and deliver their fish within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery and in Areas 1, 2, 3 or 4. **Vessels in possession of salmon north or south of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying WDFW by phone at (360)249-1215 or by email at Wendy.Beeghley@dfw.wa.gov with Boat name, Area fished, total Chinook and coho catch on board, and destination.** Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing north of Leadbetter Point must land their fish within the area and north of Leadbetter Point. Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing south of Leadbetter Point must land their fish within the area and south of Leadbetter Point. The minimum size limit for Chinook is 28 inches; the minimum size for coho is 16 inches. Gear is restricted to all legal troll gear with single point, single shank barbless hooks **only**.

HALIBUT

The incidental halibut allocation for the troll fishery has been met for 2018. **Halibut retention is no longer allowed in the troll fishery.**

The Washington State Quick Reporting System will be in effect throughout the 2018 commercial troll fishery. All wholesale dealers or trollers retailing their fish will be required to report their landing by 10:00 AM the day following delivery. Reports can be made by telephoning 1-866-791-1279 or faxing to 1-360-902-2949 and reporting the fish

ticket number, the gear, the dealer name and number, the area fished, the date of landing, the number of days fished, the number of fish by species and the total weight by species including halibut.

Groundfish regulations were included in the troll mail. If you did not receive this information please call Wendy Beeghley at 360-249-1215 before going fishing.

Commercial troll fisheries are managed on a quota. Open days, landing and possession limits or any other regulation could change at any time. Always contact the fisheries hotline (1-360-902-2500) prior to going fishing.

Thank you for calling the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife coastal commercial hotline.