

2011 Summary of Willapa Bay Summer and Fall Commercial Gillnet Fisheries

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For QUICK REPORTING, NOTICE OF INTENT, and for reporting GREEN STURGEON ENCOUNTERS:

Fax 360-249-1229; telephone 1-866-791-1280; email harborfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov

Please note the changes in the Area Letter Designations below. For complete descriptions, please see enclosed WAC 220-22-020 and Willapa Bay map

The following are in full force and effect for ALL commercial openers from August 8th through September 9th:

- Drift gill net gear only. It is unlawful to use set net gear.
- All non-legal white sturgeon and ALL steelhead must be handled with care to minimize injury and released immediately to the river/bay.
- **Retention of Green Sturgeon Prohibited.** Please report any encounters through the Quick Reporting phone, fax, or email.
- **Quick Reporting REQUIRED**, by 10 am the day following landing; 220-69-240 paragraph 12(c).
- All participants **MUST** have attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and have in their immediate possession a department-issued certification card.
- **Beginning August 29, Live boxes required.** Soak times are limited to 45 minutes (timed from when net enters the water until complete net removal from water).

| Date and Time | Area | Miscellaneous requirements and gear restrictions: |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| 6:00 AM, Aug. 8 through 6:00 PM Aug. 11, 2011 | Areas 2M, 2N, 2R, 2T, and 2U | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-inch maximum mesh |
| 6:00 PM, Aug. 29 through 6:00 AM, Aug. 30, 2011 AND 6:00 PM, Aug. 31 through 6:00 AM, Sept. 1, 2011 | Areas 2N and 2U | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-inch maximum mesh • RELEASE WILD (UNMARKED) CHINOOK! |
| 6:00 PM, Sept. 6 through 6:00 AM, Sept. 7, 2011 AND 6:00 PM, Sept. 8 through 6:00 AM, Sept. 9, 2011 | Areas 2N, 2R, and 2U | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-inch maximum mesh • RELEASE WILD (UNMARKED) CHINOOK! |

The following are in full force and effect for ALL commercial openers from **September 13th through October:**

- Drift gill net gear only. It is unlawful to use set net gear.
- All non-legal white sturgeon and ALL steelhead must be handled with care to minimize injury and released immediately to the river/bay.
- **Live boxes required.** Soak times are limited to 45 minutes (timed from when net enters the water until complete net removal from water).
- **RELEASE WILD (UNMARKED) CHINOOK!**
- **Retention of Green Sturgeon Prohibited.** Please report any encounters through the Quick Reporting phone, fax, or email.
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| 6:00 PM, Sept. 13 through 6:00 PM, Sept. 22, 2011 | Areas 2M, 2N, 2R, 2T, and 2U | • 6-inch maximum mesh |
| 6:00 PM, Sept 21 through 6:00 PM Sept. 22, 2011 | Area 2K | • 6-inch maximum mesh |
| 6:00 PM, Sept. 24 through 6:00 PM, Sept. 30, 2011 | Areas 2M, 2N, 2R, 2T, and 2U | • 6 ½ -inch maximum mesh |
| 6:00 PM, Sept. 28 through 6:00 PM, Sept. 29, 2011 | Area 2K | • 6 ½ -inch maximum mesh |
| 6:00 PM, Oct. 2 through 6:00 PM, Oct. 7, 2011 | Areas 2M, 2N, 2R, 2T, and 2U | • 6 ½ -inch maximum mesh • RELEASE ALL CHUM and wild(unmarked) CHINOOK |
| 6:00 PM, Oct. 10 through 6:00 PM, Oct. 14, 2011 | Areas 2M, 2N, 2R, 2T, and 2U | • 6 ½ -inch maximum mesh • RELEASE ALL CHUM and wild(unmarked) CHINOOK |

The following are in full force and effect for ALL commercial openers during **November:**

- Drift gill net gear only. It is unlawful to use set net gear.
- All non-legal white sturgeon and ALL steelhead must be handled with care to minimize injury and released immediately to the river/bay.
- **Retention of Green Sturgeon Prohibited.** Please report any encounters through the Quick Reporting phone, fax or email.
- **Quick Reporting REQUIRED**, by 10 am the day following landing.

| Date and Time | Area | Miscellaneous requirements and gear restrictions: |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 12:00 PM, Noon, Nov. 6 through 12:00 PM, Noon, Nov. 30, 2011 | Areas 2M, 2N, 2R, 2T, and 2U | • 9-inch minimum mesh |
| 6:00 PM, Nov. 11 through 6:00 PM, , Nov. 19, 2011 | Areas 2M, 2N, 2R, 2T, and 2U | • May use either 9-inch minimum OR 6 ½ -inch maximum mesh. Only ONE net of either 6 ½ -inch or 9-inch configuration may be used when in the act of fishing. |

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The following are in full force and effect for ALL commercial openers for August and September in Area 2C:

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- **Live boxes REQUIRED.** Soak times are limited to 45 minutes (timed from when net enters the water until complete net removal from water).
- **RELEASE WILD (UNMARKED) COHO!**
- **Retention of Green Sturgeon Prohibited.** Please report any encounters through the Quick Reporting phone, fax, or email.
- **Quick Reporting REQUIRED,** by 10 am the day following landing; 220-69-240 paragraph 12(c).
- All participants **MUST** have attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and have in their immediate possession a department-issued certification card.
- **Notice of Intent REQUIRED** to participate in any of the days in this fishery below by 12 pm, Noon, August 14, 2011

| Date and Time | Area | Miscellaneous requirements and gear restrictions: |
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| 6:00 PM, Aug. 18 through 6:00 PM Aug. 19, 2011 | Area 2C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 ½ -inch minimum mesh to 9-inch maximum mesh |
| 6:00 PM, Aug. 21 through 6:00 PM Aug. 22, 2011 | | |
| 6:00 PM, Aug. 25 through 6:00 PM Aug. 26, 2011 | | |
| 6:00 PM, Aug. 28 through 6:00 PM Aug. 29, 2011 | | |
| 6:00 PM, Sept. 1 through 6:00 PM Sept. 2, 2011 | | |
| 6:00 PM, Sept. 7 through 6:00 PM Sept. 8, 2011 | | |
| 6:00 PM, Sept. 11 through 6:00 PM Sept. 12, 2011 | | |
| 6:00 PM, Sept. 15 through 6:00 PM Sept. 16, 2011 | | |

The following are in full force and effect for ALL commercial openers during **October in Area 2C:**

- Drift gill net gear only. It is unlawful to use set net gear.
- All non-legal white sturgeon and ALL steelhead must be handled with care to minimize injury and released immediately to the river/bay.
- **Live boxes REQUIRED.** Soak times are limited to 45 minutes (timed from when net enters the water until complete net removal from water).
- **RELEASE WILD (UNMARKED) COHO!**
- **Retention of Green Sturgeon Prohibited.** Please report any encounters through the Quick Reporting phone, fax, or email.
- **Quick Reporting REQUIRED,** by 10 am the day following landing; 220-69-240 paragraph 12(c).
- All participants **MUST** have attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and have in their immediate possession a department-issued certification card.
- **Notice of Intent REQUIRED** to participate in any of the days in this fishery below by 12 pm, Noon, October 18, 2011

| Date and Time | Area | Miscellaneous requirements and gear restrictions: |
|--|-----------------|---|
| 9:30 AM, Oct. 24 through 7:30 PM, Oct. 24, 2011 5:00 AM, Oct. 25 through 3:00 PM, Oct. 25, 2011 | Areas 2C | • 9 -inch maximum mesh |

The following are in full force and effect for ALL commercial openers during **October in Area 2A/2D:**

- Drift gill net gear only. It is unlawful to use set net gear.
- All non-legal white sturgeon and ALL steelhead must be handled with care to minimize injury and released immediately to the river/bay.
- **Live boxes REQUIRED.** Soak times are limited to 45 minutes (timed from when net enters the water until complete net removal from water).
- **RELEASE ALL CHINOOK!**
- **Retention of Green Sturgeon Prohibited.** Please report any encounters through the Quick Reporting phone, fax, or email.
- **Quick Reporting REQUIRED,** by 10 am the day following landing.
- All participants **MUST** have attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and have in their immediate possession a department-issued certification card.
- **Notice of Intent REQUIRED** to participate in any of the days in this fishery below by 12 pm, Noon, October 4, 2011

| Date and Time | Area | Miscellaneous requirements and gear restrictions: |
|---|--|--|
| 9:00 AM, Oct. 8 through 7:00 PM, Oct. 8, 2011 7:00 AM, Oct. 12 through 5:00 PM, Oct. 12, 2011 8:30 AM, Oct. 18 through 6:30 PM, Oct. 18, 2011 | Areas 2A shall include those waters of Grays Harbor and the Chehalis River estuary upstream from the Highway 101 Bridge at Aberdeen to a line projected from the Lakeside Industries asphalt plant tower at a right angle to the thread of the stream to the opposite shore <u>AND</u> that portion of Area 2D lying easterly of a north-south line from the confluence of the Hoquiam and Chehalis rivers to Renney Island then easterly to "Range Marker G" located on the south shore of Grays Harbor. Then to the eastern boundary of Area 2D at the Highway 101 Bridge. | • 6-inch maximum mesh, no more than 55 meshes deep. Nets must hang straight from top to bottom. Strings may be used to secure breakaway panels. |
| 8:30 AM, Oct. 23 through 6:30 PM, Oct. 23, 2011 7:30 AM, Oct. 28 through 4:30 PM, Oct. 28, 2011 | Areas 2A shall include those waters of Grays Harbor and the Chehalis River estuary upstream from the Highway 101 Bridge at Aberdeen to a line projected from the Lakeside Industries asphalt plant tower at a right angle to the thread of the stream to the opposite shore and Area 2D | • 6 ½ -inch maximum mesh |