

PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

For the week beginning Sunday August 25th all areas are closed except as follows:

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.

Areas 7B (Bellingham Bay) and 7C (Samish Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 7-inch minimum mesh size:

7 PM Sunday, August 25 to 8 AM Monday, August 26.

7 PM Monday, August 26 to 8 AM Tuesday, August 27

7 PM Tuesday, August 27 to 8 AM Wednesday, August 28.

7 PM Wednesday, August 28 to 8 AM Thursday August 29.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday August 28 from 6 AM to 8 PM.

Brailing is required and purse seines must release all coho.

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, November 2nd. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

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 26 – Friday August 30th Beach seines may only retain coho.

Area 12C within the Hoodsport Hatchery Zone 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, Tuesday August 27 and Thursday August 29 Beach seines must release all chum and sockeye.

Participation is limited to those with a department issued beach seine permit and all rules and regulations associated with that permit remain in effect.