



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

2019-14

Week 41

Friday October 8, at 5:30 p.m.

NOTICE: We received the official word from Canada that the Inside Southern Chum Run is estimated to be below the critical threshold of 1 million Chum, based on the Johnstone Strait test fishery estimates through the 10/07/2019. Per Chapter 6 of the Pacific Salmon Treaty the U.S. fleet cannot start fishing in Areas 7/7A on October 10th as typically occurs when the aggregated Inside Southern Chum run is expected to be above 1 million. Any updates to this status will be posted on this Hotline.

For the week beginning Sunday October 6, all areas are closed except as follows:

Area 6D (Dungeness Bay) will be open to:

Skiff gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh:

7 AM to 7 PM: Daily Monday, October 7 - Friday, October 11

All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

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

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size:

Open continuously through Midnight, November 2

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Open continuously through 6 PM, November 2

Area 8D (Tulalip Bay west of a line from Mission Beach to Hermosa Point) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size:

6 PM Sunday, October 6 - 8 AM Monday, October 7

6 PM Monday, October 7 - 8 AM Thursday, October 10

6 PM Thursday, October 10 - 8 AM. Friday, October 11

Purse seines with a 5-inch strip:

7 AM to 6 PM: Tuesday October 8. Purse seines must release all Chinook.

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.

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please 360-902-2717.

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