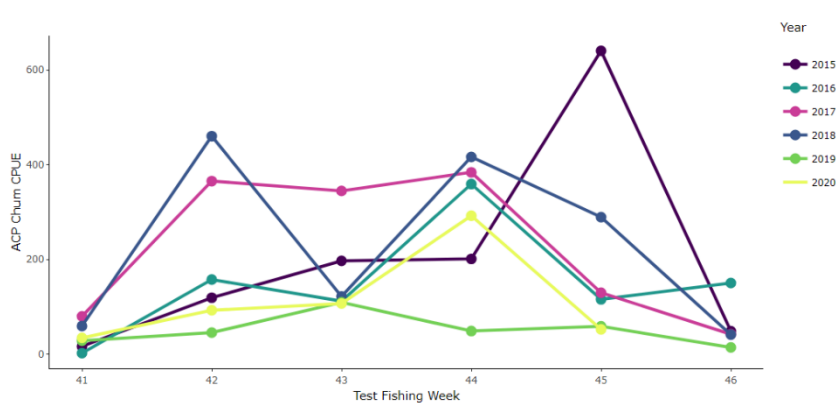


Week 46 Commercial Chum Fisheries

Area 10/11 remains closed.

ACP Test Fishery Update: The South Sound chum run size has been downgraded from a pre-season forecast of 309,573 to 288,063, based on a Week-45 ACP test fishery ISU regression model (r-square value of 0.69). While the CPUE rebounded in week 44, it again fell well below the long-term average this week, which is cause for concern. ACP test sets returned a below-average total catch, similar to week 45 of 2019, a year in which we had historically low escapement across South Sound.

Date Fished	Mgmt Week	TF Sets							Total	Recent 10 Yr Avg
		Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5	Set 6	Set 7		
10/7/2020	41	34	94	8	27	43	0	-	206	733
10/14/2020	42	16	0	119	84	8	328	-	555	1,667
10/21/2020	43	24	28	0	18	42	332	196	640	1,459
10/27/2020	44	34	113	305	666	195	439	-	1,753	1,667
11/5/2020	45	83	34	76	0	56	65	1	314	1,093
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Mgmt Week	Percent Female	
	2020	10 yr Avg
41	47%	32%
42	47%	37%
43	47%	46%
44	51%	50%
45	60%	53%

Area 12/12B

The current status of the chum run back to Hood Canal does not appear to be improving this week. We felt it was prudent to remain closed until hatchery counts are more promising. We will also be closing the Hoodsport Hatchery Zone to sport fishing early next week.

Here are the hatchery reports from yesterday:

Hoodsport

- 2,500 in trap
- 4,400 total trapped this season
- 1.4 million eggs taken
- 13.5 million egg take goal

McKernan

- 800 in trap
- 2,900 total trapped this season
- 1.1 million eggs taken
- 15 million egg take goal

We are at about ten percent of egg take goal and approximately one quarter to one third of the way through the season.

Area 7B/C

Low catches and returns so far are cause for concern. The week 46 opener will likely be the last week for fishing this year with fishing closing after Wednesday Nov 11.

Area 7/7A

Will remain open through Tuesday Nov. 10.