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2024 Summary of Willapa Bay Fall Salmon Commercial Fishery Schedule

This summary sheet is provided as a courtesy for use as a quick reference and does not fully describe 2024 rules. For additional information or questions, contact Barbara McClellan at #360-470-3459 or check the website at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/gillnet#information>.

The following are in effect for ALL commercial openers in Willapa Bay:

- **Retention of STURGEON OR STEELHEAD is PROHIBITED.** ALL encounters MUST be reported to Wholesale Buyer or Quick Reporting.
- For QUICK REPORTING (required by 10am the day following landing), NOTICE OF INTENT, and reporting GREEN STURGEON or STEELHEAD ENCOUNTERS USE: Telephone 1-866-791-1280, Fax 360-249-1229; or email harborfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
- **Notice of Intent to fish any opener during 2024 is REQUIRED by 5 p.m. August 9, 2024.**
- All participants **MUST** have attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and have their department-issued certification card in their immediate possession.
- **RELEASE ALL NATURAL (UNMARKED) CHINOOK, ALL STEELHEAD, and ALL STURGEON**
- **Live boxes are required to be used on-board for wild (unmarked) Chinook and All Steelhead prior to release.**
- **Soak times are limited to 45 minutes** (when first buoy enters the water until buoy is fully retrieved from the water)

*** Area 2T:**

When fishing Area 2T, the following rule applies: Those waters north of a line from Toke Point channel marker 3, easterly through Willapa Harbor channel marker 13 (green), then northeasterly to the power transmission pole located at 46°43.1907'N, 123°50.83134'W) are **CLOSED to commercial salmon fishing September 15 through September 30, 2024.**

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Date and Time	Area	Mesh Size Stretched
August 2024		
6 AM through 6 PM: Aug. 17, 24, 31	2N, 2M, 2R	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
6 AM through 6 PM: Aug. 21, 28	2N, 2R	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
September 2024		
6 AM through 6 PM: Sept. 9	2N, 2R	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
6 AM through 6 PM: Sept. 12	2N, 2M, 2R	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
7 AM through 7 PM: Sept. 15	2N, 2R, 2T*	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Sept. 16, 17, 18, 19	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T*	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Sept. 15, 18, 20	2U	Tangle Net: 4 ¼ -inch maximum
7 AM through 7 PM: Sept. 20	2N, 2T*	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Sept. 22, 23, 24, 25	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T*	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Sept. 23, 25, 27, 30	2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Sept. 26	2N, 2R, 2T*	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Sept. 27	2N, 2T*	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Sept. 29, 30	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T*	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
October 2024		
7 AM through 7 PM: Oct. 1, 4, 5	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Oct. 2, 3, 5	2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Oct. 7	2N, 2M, 2T, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Oct. 9, 14	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Oct. 11, 16	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Oct. 18, 25	2N, 2T	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Oct. 20, 23	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Oct. 28	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Oct. 29	2N, 2R	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
November 2024		
7 AM through 7 PM: Nov. 3, 10	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Nov. 6	2N, 2M, 2R	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Nov. 17	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Nov. 20	2N, 2M, 2R, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch
7 AM through 7 PM: Nov. 24	2N, 2M, 2R, 2T, 2U	Maximum mesh: 6 ½ inch

2T* = See first page for description