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WATER	SEASON	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT	ADDITIONAL RULES
NOOKSACK				
Nooksack River – Lummi Indian Reservation boundary to I-5	Aug. 1 – Sept. 31	12”	2 + 2	Daily limit 6 of which up to 2 may be wild coho and 4 may be pinks. Release wild Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule.
	Oct. 1 – Dec.31	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4 of which up to 2 may be wild coho or 2 of which may be chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule.
Nooksack River – From I-5 to the FFA high school barn in Deming	Aug. 1 – Sept. 31	12”	2+2	Daily limit 6 of which up to 2 may be wild coho and 4 may be pinks. Release wild Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule.
	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4 of which up to 2 may be wild coho or 2 of which may be chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule.
Nooksack River – Yellow marker at the FFA high school barn in Deming to confluence of North and South forks	Oct. 1- Dec. 31	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4 of which up to 2 may be wild coho or 2 of which may be chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule.
Nooksack River, South Fork – mouth to Skookum Creek	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	12”	2 + 4	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Daily limit 2 plus 4 additional hatchery coho. Release chum and pinks. Release wild Chinook Oct. 1-15. Night closure and one single point hook allowed. Gamefish closed January 1 - September 30.
Nooksack River, North Fork – Hwy. 9 Bridge to Maple Creek	Oct. 1 – Nov. 30	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4 of which up to 2 may be wild coho. Release chum and pinks. Release wild Chinook Oct. 1-15. Night closure and anti-snagging rule. Gamefish closed February 1— September 30.
Whatcom Creek - Whatcom Creek (Whatcom Co.), from the mouth (a line from the flashing light at the southwest end of the Port of Bellingham North Terminal to the southernmost point of the dike surrounding the Georgia Pacific treatment pond) to the footbridge that is downstream of Dupont Street.	Aug 1 – Sept. 14, Saturdays and Sundays Only.	12”	2	Daily limit 2 hatchery Chinook. Release all other salmon. Night closure and anti-snagging rule.
Samish River – mouth (Bayview Edison rd.) to the yellow marker at the wingwall	Aug. 1 – Sept. 30	12”	2	Daily limit 2. Release wild coho, chum, and pinks. Stationary Gear Rule, night closure and only one single point hook allowed. Maximum hook gap 1/2” point to shank. Only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained. Use

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				of eggs required. Unweighted tackle only. TBD dates for: 1 veterans and active military day and 1 youth only fishing day
Samish River – Yellow marker at the wingwall to Thomson Rd. Bridge	Aug 1 – Sept. 30	12”	2	Daily limit 2. Release wild coho, chum, and pinks. Stationary Gear Rule, night closure and only one single point hook allowed. Maximum hook gap ½” point to shank. Only fish hooked inside the mouth may be retained.
	Oct 1. – Oct. 31			Closed waters
Samish River – from the Thomas Rd. Bridge to I-5 Bridge.	Aug. 1 – Oct. 31			Closed waters
SKAGIT				
Skagit River – Mouth to Hwy. 536 at Mt. Vernon (Memorial Hwy. Bridge)	Aug. 16 – Aug. 31	12”	2	Daily limit 2. Pink salmon only. Night closure.
	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Release all other salmon. Night closure. <i>Coho season extensions dependent on in-season runsize update (ISU).</i>
Skagit River – Hwy. 536 at Mt. Vernon (Memorial Hwy. Bridge) to mouth of Gilligan Creek	Apr. 20 – May 31 <i>Propose same opening date in 2026.</i>	12”	2	Daily limit 2 hatchery Chinook. Release all other salmon. <i>Two-Pole.</i> Night closure.
	June 16 – July 15	12”	4	Daily limit 4 sockeye only. <i>Two-Pole.</i> Night closure. <i>Harvest split between Baker Lake and River 75/25.</i>
	Aug. 16 – Aug. 31	12”	2	Daily limit 2. Pink salmon only. Night closure.
	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Release all other salmon. Night closure. <i>Coho season extension dependent on in-season runsize update (ISU).</i>
Skagit River – Mouth of Gilligan Creek to the Dalles Bridge at Concrete	June 1 – Aug. 31			Selective gear rules (SGR) + only one single point hook.
	June 16 – July 15	12”	4	Daily limit 4 sockeye only. <i>Two-Pole.</i> Night closure. <i>Harvest split between Baker Lake and River 75/25.</i>
	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Barbless single point hooks only, no bait. Release all other salmon. Night closure.
	Oct. 1 – Oct. 31	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Release all other salmon. Night closure. <i>Coho season extension dependent on in-season runsize update (ISU).</i>
	June 1 – Sept. 15			Selective gear rules (SGR) + only one single point hook.

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Skagit River – Dalles Bridge at Concrete to Highway 530 bridge at Rockport	Sept. 16 – Sept. 30	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Barbless single point hooks only, no bait. Release all other salmon. Night closure.
	Oct. 1 – Oct 31.	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Release all other salmon. Night closure. <i>Coho season extension dependent on in-season runsize update (ISU).</i>
Skagit River – Dalles Bridge at Concrete to 200ft downstream of the mouth of Baker River	June 1 – Sept. 15			Selective gear rules (SGR) + only one single point hook.
	Sept. 16 – Sept. 30.	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Release all other salmon Barbless single point hooks only, no bait. Night closure.
	Oct. 1 – Oct 31.	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Release all other salmon. Night closure. <i>Coho season extension dependent on in-season runsize update (ISU).</i>
Skagit River – 200ft downstream of the mouth of Baker River to 200’ upstream of the mouth of Baker River.	June 1 – Sept. 15			Closed waters
	Sept. 16 – Sept. 30.	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Release all other salmon. Barbless single point hooks only, no bait. Release all other salmon. Night closure.
	Oct. 1 – Oct 31.	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Release all other salmon. Night closure. <i>Coho season extension dependent on in-season runsize update (ISU).</i>
Skagit River – 200’ upstream of the mouth of Baker River to the Hwy 530 bridge at Rockport	June 1 – Sept. 15			Selective gear rules (SGR) + only one single point hook.
	Sept. 16 – Sept. 30.	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Release all other salmon. Night closure.
	Oct. 1 – Oct 31.	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pink and 2 coho. Release all other salmon. Night closure. <i>Coho season extension dependent on in-season runsize update (ISU).</i>
Skagit River – Highway 530 bridge at Rockport to Cascade River Rd	May 28 – July 15	12”	4	Daily limit 4 hatchery Chinook. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release all other salmon. Night closure.
	July 16 – Sept.15			Selective gear rules (SGR) + only one single point hook.
	Sept. 16 – Sept. 30	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pinks and up to 2 wild coho (<i>limit can be all coho, but no more than 2 wild coho</i>). Barbless single point hooks only, no bait. Release all other salmon. Night closure.
	Oct. 1 – Oct 31.	12”	2+2	Daily limit 4, 2 pinks and up to 2 wild coho (<i>limit can be all coho, but no</i>

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				more than 2 wild coho). Barbless single point hooks only, no bait. Release all other salmon. Night closure. <i>Coho season extensions dependent on in-season runsize update (ISU).</i>
Baker Lake	July 12 – Aug. 31 (First Saturday after July 4th weekend)	12”	4	Daily limit 4 sockeye. Each angler aboard a vessel may deploy salmon angling gear until the daily limit for all anglers aboard has been achieved. <i>Will open 7/12 regardless of number of fish in lake (even if 0). Check trap counts to decide if a trip is right for you.</i>
Cascade River – mouth to Rockport-Cascade Rd. bridge	May 28 – July 15 Open Wednesdays-Saturdays only (prevent conflict with tribal fishery)	12”	4	Daily limit 4 Chinook. 2 adults. Release wild Chinook. Night closure and anti-snagging. <i>Closed to all fishing Sunday, Monday, Tuesday</i>
	Sept. 17 – Sept. 30 Open Wednesdays-Saturdays only (prevent conflict with tribal fishery)	12”	4	Daily limit 4 coho. Release all salmon other than coho. Anti-snagging rule, barbless, no bait. Night closure. <i>Closed to all fishing Sunday, Monday, Tuesday</i>
	Oct. 1 – Oct. 31 Wednesdays-Saturdays only (prevent conflict with tribal fishery)	12”	4	Daily limit 4 coho. Release all salmon other than coho. Anti-snagging rule. Night closure. <i>Coho season extensions dependent on in-season runsize update (ISU). Closed to all fishing Sunday, Monday, Tuesday</i>
Cascade River – Rockport-Cascade Rd. bridge to 300’ upstream	June 1 – Dec. 31			Closed waters. Enforcement issues.
STILLAGUAMISH				
Stillaguamish River – Marine Drive upstream to forks	Sept 13 – Nov. 30	12”	2	Daily limit 2 coho. Release Chinook, pink, and chum
Stillaguamish River, North Fork – mouth to highway 530 bridge (Cicero Br.)	Aug. 30 – Nov. 30			Closed to salmon. Gamefish only. Motors prohibited. Night closure. Fly fishing only. Catch-and-release.
SNOHOMISH				
Snohomish River – Mouth to confluence of the Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers (all channels)	Aug 23—Nov 30	12”	4	Daily limit 4. No more than 2 coho. Release Chinook and chum. No bait. Night closure and anti-snagging. Continuation of fishery dependent on ISU.
Skykomish River – Mouth to Forks (confluence of NF and SF Skykomish rivers)	Oct. 11—Nov. 30	12”	4	Daily limit 4. No more than 2 coho. Release Chinook and chum. No bait. Night closure and anti-snagging rule upstream of Lewis Str. Bridge in Monroe. Continuation of fishery dependent on ISU.
Skykomish River – Lewis St. Bridge in Monroe to Wallace River	June 21—July 13	12”	4	Daily limit 4 including no more than 2 adults. Release all other salmon other than hatchery Chinook. Night closure

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				and anti-snagging rule. Continuation of fishery dependent on ISU.
Wallace River – Mouth to 200' upstream of intake at salmon hatchery	Oct. 11 – Nov. 30	12"	4	Daily limit 4. No more than 2 coho. Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule. Fishing prohibited from any floating device Nov. 1 – Feb. 15. Continuation of fishery dependent on ISU.
Snoqualmie River – Mouth to Falls	Nov. 1 – Nov. 30	12"	4	Daily limit 4. No more than 2 coho. Release Chinook and chum. Continuation of fishery dependent on ISU.
LAKE WASHINGTON				
Lake Washington – north Hwy. 520 Bridge and east of the Montlake Bridge	Sept. 16 – Oct. 31	12"	4	Two-Pole not allowed. Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than coho.
Lake Sammamish	Oct. 1 – Nov. 30	12"	4	Two-Pole not allowed. Daily limit 4. Release all salmon other than coho.
	Dec 1. – May 31	12"		Two-Pole not allowed. Release all salmon other than hatchery coho. Salmon count as part of trout daily limit. No Catch Record Card required.
GREEN/DUWAMISH				
Green River – East-West line extending through the southernmost tip of Harbor Island to Old Hwy. 99/Tukwilla Intl. Blvd.	Aug. 20 – Dec. 31	12"	6	Night closure and Anti-snagging rule. Daily limit 6. Up to 3 may be any combination of adult coho and chum. Release Chinook.
Green River – Old Hwy. 99/Tukwilla Intl. Blvd. to South 212 th St. Bridge	Aug. 20 – Dec. 31	12"	6	Night closure and Anti-snagging rule. Daily limit 6. Up to 3 may be any combination of adult coho, chum, and Chinook, except not more than 2 adult Chinook may be retained. Anglers must retain the first 2 adult Chinook caught.
Green River – South 212 th St. Bridge to the Hwy. 18 Eastbound Bridge	Sept. 16 – Dec. 31	12"	6	Night closure and Anti-snagging rule. Daily limit 6. Up to 3 may be any combination of adult coho and chum. Release Chinook.
Green River – Hwy. 18 Eastbound Bridge to the Auburn Black Diamond Rd. Bridge				CLOSED WATERS

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Green River – Auburn-Black Diamond Road Bridge to the Tacoma Municipal boundary marker (1.3 miles downstream of Tacoma Headworks Dam).	Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	12”	6	Night closure and Anti-snagging rule. Daily limit 6. Up to 3 may be any combination of adult coho and chum. Release Chinook. Closed within 150’ of the mouth of Keta Creek.
PUYALLUP				
Puyallup River – 11th St. Bridge to East Main Street Bridge	Aug. 16 – Oct. 31 (Closed Sundays-Tues. 8/16 - Sep.30)	12”	6	Daily limit 6. 4 adults of which only 2 adults may be Chinook or coho. Release wild Chinook and chum. Night closure, anti-snagging rule, barbless hooks.
Puyallup River – East Main Street Bridge to Carbon River	Aug. 16 – Oct. 31 (Closed Sundays-Tues. 8/16 - Sep.30)	12”	6	Daily limit 6. 4 adults of which only 2 adults may be Chinook or coho. Release wild Chinook and chum. Night closure, anti-snagging rule, barbless hooks.
Carbon River – mouth to Voight Creek	Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 (Closed Sundays-Tues. Sept. 1 – Sep.30)	12”	6	Daily limit 6. 2 adults. Release chum and wild Chinook. Night closure, anti-snagging rule and barbless hooks.
NISQUALLY				
Chambers Creek – Mouth (Burlington-Northern RR Bridge) to markers 400’ below the Boise-Cascade Dam.	July 1 – Nov. 15	12”	6	Daily limit 6. 4 adults. Release wild Chinook, wild coho, and chum. Night closure, anti-snagging rule, and barbless hooks.
Nisqually River – Mouth to Kalama Creek	July 1 – Nov. 15 Closed Sunday-Tuesday 8/3-9/30 and Closed Sunday-Monday 10/1-11/15	12”	6	Daily limit 6. 2 adults. Release wild Chinook, wild coho, and chum. Night closure, anti-snagging rule, and barbless hooks.
McCallister Creek – mouth to Olympia-Steilacoom Rd. bridge	July 1 – Nov. 15	12”	6	Daily limit 6. 2 adults. Release wild Chinook, wild coho, and chum. Night closure, anti-snagging rule, and barbless hooks.
DEEP SOUTH SOUND				
Deschutes River – Henderson Blvd. bridge upstream	Year-round	12”	6	Daily limit 6. 2 adults. Release coho.
Kennedy Creek – mouth to northbound Hwy. 101 bridge				Closed to salmon fishing.
Minter Creek – mouth to the boundary markers 50’ downstream of the hatchery rack	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	12”	6	Daily limit 6. 4 adults of which only 2 adults may be Chinook or coho. Release wild coho. Night closure, anti-snagging rule.
HOOD CANAL				

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Skokomish River – Mouth to Tacoma Powerlines (Potlach Line)	July 1-September 30			Free-flowing fresh waters including all channels are closed to salmon fishing.
Skokomish River – Tacoma Powerlines to Hwy. 101.				Closed, TBD
Dewatto River – mouth to Dewatto-Holly Rd. bridge	Oct. 1 – Oct. 31			Closed to salmon fishing.
Duckabush River – mouth to Mason Co. PUD #1 overhead electrical distribution line	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15	12”	2	Daily limit 2 chum only.
Dosewallips River – mouth to Hwy. 101 bridge	Nov. 1 – Dec. 15	12”	2	Daily limit 2 chum only.
Big Quilcene River – Mouth to Hwy 101	Aug. 16 – Aug. 31	12”	4	Daily limit 4 coho only. Anti-snagging rule and night closure.
Big Quilcene River – Downstream terminus of WDFW easement (Colyott Bluff) to Hwy 101	Sept. 1 – Oct 31	12”	4	Daily limit 4 coho only. Anti-snagging rule and night closure.
Big Quilcene River – Rodgers St. to Colyott Bluff	Sept. 1 – Oct 31	CLOSED WATERS		
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Dungeness River – Mouth to Gray Wolf River at Dungeness Forks Campground	Oct. 23 – Nov. 30 (E-reg to open Oct.16 if flows allow)	12”	4	Daily limit 4 hatchery coho only. Release all salmon other than hatchery coho.
NORTH COAST				
Hoh River – Olympic NP boundary upstream to Dept. Natural Resource’s Oxbow Campground boat launch	Sept. 16 – Dec. 15	12”	3	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Daily limit 3. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which 1 may be a Chinook. Dec 1-15 daily limit 1 coho only.
Hoh River –Dept. Natural Resource’s Oxbow Campground boat launch to Morgan’s Crossing boat launch	Oct. 16 – Dec. 15	12”	3	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Daily limit 3. Up to 2 adults may be retained of which 1 may be a Chinook. Dec 1-15 daily limit one coho only.
Sol Duc River – Mouth to concrete pump station at Sol Duc Hatchery	May 1 – Aug 31	12”	4	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Daily limit 4. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release wild Chinook, wild coho and sockeye. Bait prohibited July 16 to Aug 31.

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	Sept. 1 – Dec. 15	12”	6	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained of which 1 may be wild. Release sockeye. Release wild coho through September 15.
Bogachiel River – Mouth to Hwy. 101 Bridge	July 1 – August 31	12”	4	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Bait prohibited. Daily limit 4. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release wild Chinook and wild coho.
	Sept. 1 – Dec. 15	12”	3	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Daily limit 3. Up to 2 adults may be retained, only 1 may be wild. Release sockeye. Release wild coho through September 15.
Quillayute River – Olympic NP boundary upstream to confluence of Sol Duc and Bogachiel rivers	May 1 – Aug. 31	12”	4	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Daily limit 4. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release wild Chinook, wild coho and sockeye.
	Sept. 1 – Dec. 15	12”	6	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Daily limit 6. Up to 3 adults may be retained of which 1 may be wild. Release sockeye. Release wild coho through September 15. Closure days to avoid gear conflict with treaty fisheries are TBD.
Calawah River	July 1 – Aug. 31	12”	4	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Bait prohibited. Daily limit 4. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release wild Chinook and wild coho.
	Sept. 1 – Dec. 15	12”	3	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Daily limit 3. Up to 2 adults may be retained, only 1 may be wild. Release sockeye. Release wild coho through September 15.
Dickey River	July 1 – Aug. 31	12”	4	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Bait prohibited. Daily limit 4. Up to 2 adults may be retained. Release wild Chinook and wild coho.

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	Sept. 1 – Dec. 15	12”	3	Internal combustion motors prohibited. Only 1 single point barbless hook allowed. Daily limit 3. Up to 2 adults may be retained, only 1 may be wild. Release sockeye. Release wild coho through September 15.
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