



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

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☒ **Original Notice**

☐ **Supplemental Notice to WSR** _____

☐ **Continuance of WSR** _____

☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR** WSR 25-03-121 on January 21, 2025 ; or

☐ **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR** _____; or

☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or**

☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW** _____.

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) 2025 North of Falcon Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Seasons – The department is proposing amendments to:
WAC 220-354-050 Registration and Limited participation salmon net fishery
WAC 220-354-080 Puget Sound salmon - Closed Areas
WAC 220-354-120 Puget Sound salmon - Purse seine – Open periods
WAC 220-354-140 Puget Sound salmon – Lawful gear - Gillnet
WAC 220-354-160 Puget Sound salmon - Gillnet – Open periods
WAC 220-354-180 Puget Sound salmon - Reef net – Open periods
WAC 220-354-210 Puget Sound salmon - Beach seine – Open periods

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
June 12, 2025	10:00 am	Zoom Meeting	Register in advance for this meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yMxTwod2QrSnp1epF4RDQ After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Date of intended adoption: June 16, 2025 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Submit written comments to:

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Address PO Box 4320, Olympia WA 98504

Email nof2025_ps_commercial_cr102@publicinput.com

Fax Voice mail comments: 855-925-2801 project code:7203

Other Public Comment Website:

https://publicinput.com/nof2025_ps_commercial_cr102

Beginning (date and time) May 7, 2025 2:00pm

By (date and time) June 13, 2025 12:01 pm

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

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By (date) June 4, 2025

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The proposed rules were developed through the annual North of Falcon salmon season setting process, which began in January 2025, and provide the season schedule for the 2025 commercial fisheries in Puget Sound.

These proposed rules regulate the commercial fisheries in Puget Sound and are part of a comprehensive rulemaking package to implement the new 2025-26 salmon seasons for Washington State developed through the broader North of Falcon process pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Commission's North of Falcon Policy C-3608 for 2024-2028. As such, the seasons specified in these proposed rules are structured in a coordinated manner intended to provide commercial and recreational fishing opportunities in Puget Sound while ensuring conservation requirements and management objectives in

federal and state laws and regulations, state/tribal harvest management agreements, and Fish and Wildlife Commission policies are met. Even though drafted as amendments to preceding rules, these new amendments function as a coordinated and unitary fishery package for the 2025-26 fishery season, and thus substantively replace prior years' fisheries in Puget Sound. Comments should be considered and provided with that understanding.

The intent of this rulemaking proposal is to replace and supersede the language in these WACs entirety:

WAC 220-354-050 Registration and Limited participation salmon net fishery

WAC 220-354-080 Puget Sound salmon - Closed Areas

WAC 220-354-120 Puget Sound salmon - Purse seine – Open periods

WAC 220-354-140 Puget Sound salmon – Lawful gear - Gillnet

WAC 220-354-160 Puget Sound salmon - Gillnet – Open periods

WAC 220-354-180 Puget Sound salmon - Reef net – Open periods

WAC 220-354-210 Puget Sound salmon - Beach seine – Open periods

WDFW is proposing specific revisions to these rules to describe the seasons and dates for these fisheries for 2025, however, all of the provisions encompassed within the WACs listed above are available for public review and comment, and WDFW will consider all public comments received on this rulemaking

Reasons supporting proposal: The proposed rules were developed through the annual North of Falcon salmon season setting process, which is an extensive co-manager and stakeholder engagement process to develop and analyze various season options for recreational, commercial, and treaty fisheries for the current year. It is named “North of Falcon” as it includes setting the salmon seasons for the area north of Cape Falcon, Oregon, which is located at 45 degrees N. latitude.

The North of Falcon process typically begins in January and consists of government-to-government meetings involving the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), treaty tribes, and WDFW representatives. Separate meetings are held with stakeholders—both at a statewide and regional level—to review preseason run size forecasts, NMFS guidance relative to allowable impacts for species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which includes salmon, but other protected species as well, such as southern resident killer whales.

Ocean fishery seasons are developed through the Pacific Fishery Management Council process, which is concurrent with and part of the broader North of Falcon process, with meetings in early March and early April. Ocean fishery options are also analyzed and considered in light of potential ESA-listed species impacts and state/tribal harvest agreements and are also reviewed for consistency with the Pacific Salmon Treaty. . Meeting schedules and information can be found on the agency's website at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon> .

Stakeholder meetings specific to the Puget Sound fisheries were held in February and March. The comprehensive North of Falcon meeting schedule and the meeting agendas, handouts, and audio recordings of the public meetings are available on WDFW's website at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-meetings>.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Court Decision? ☐ Yes ☒ No

State Court Decision? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: None

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Type of proponent: ☐ Private. ☐ Public. ☒ Governmental.

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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under [RCW 28A.305.135](#)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

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Is a cost-benefit analysis required under [RCW 34.05.328](#)?

☐ Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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☒ No: Please explain: The proposed rule is exempt under RCW 34.05.328(5)(a)

Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance \(ORIA\)](#) provides support in completing this part.

(1) Identification of exemptions:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](#)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](#). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.061](#) because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by [RCW 34.05.313](#) before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of [RCW 15.65.570](#)(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025](#)(3). Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b)
(Internal government operations) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e)
(Dictated by statute) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c)
(Incorporation by reference) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f)
(Set or adjust fees) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d)
(Correct or clarify language) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g)
((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit) |

☒ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025](#)(4). (Does not affect small businesses).

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW _____.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule: The department is exempt from the requirements of RCW Chapter 19.85 because, while WDFW considers commercial fishers to be a "small business," the commercial fishing rules proposed for 2025-2026 do not affect these small businesses by imposing new direct costs of regulatory compliance. These rule changes clarify dates for anticipated open periods and areas for full-fleet and limited-participation salmon fisheries, and legal gear requirements for those fisheries. There are no new anticipated professional services required to comply. Based on the department's analysis, the proposed rules do not require any new or additional equipment, supplies, labor, or administrative costs

(2) Scope of exemptions: Check one.

- ☒ The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. (*Skip section 3.*) Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.
- ☐ The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):
- ☐ The rule proposal: Is not exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) No exemptions were identified above.

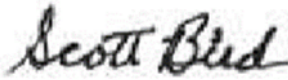
(3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

- ☐ No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs. _____
- ☐ Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

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Date: May 6, 2025	Signature: 
Name: Scott Bird	
Title: Rules Coordinator, WDFW	

WAC 220-354-050 Registration and limited participation salmon net fisheries. ~~((1) When the director determines that a harvestable amount of salmon appears to be available, but that full-fleet fishing effort has an unacceptable risk of exceeding the available harvest or compromises other specific management objectives, the director may authorize a limited participation fishery in extreme terminal fishing areas in order to provide additional opportunities for net fisheries where they might not otherwise exist. Such a fishery may be authorized for experimental or developmental fisheries, fisheries necessary to refine run size data, fisheries necessary to provide biological information, or in cases where:~~

~~(a) Other specific management objectives have been stated for the species and area in question; or~~

~~(b) There is a reasonable expectation that foregone opportunity will be claimed and the harvestable surplus cannot be carried forward to the next year of harvest; and~~

~~(c) Full-fleet participation with time, space, or gear restrictions cannot achieve the harvest goal.~~

~~(2) Only licensed commercial salmon fishers may participate in a limited participation fishery. Only one listing is allowed per license. Fishers who wish to have their name placed on a limited participation register must mark the appropriate box on their license renewal application, or so notify the department, in writing, by July 31st. Interested fishers must provide a message phone number at which they may be contacted.~~

~~(3) Each year the department will, from the list of interested fishers, use random selection to create a priority list for gillnet fishers and a priority list for purse seine fishers. Priority registers will be available for inspection at the department's Olympia office, or upon written request to the department. Once the priority lists have been created, sale or transfer of the license shall invalidate the receiver from participation in that year's limited participation fishery.))~~ (1) Registration and limited participation salmon net fishery definition: For the purpose of this section, "registration and limited participation salmon net fishery" refers to any of the following commercial gillnet and purse seine fisheries:

(a) Catch Reporting Area 10 pink (odd-years only).

(b) Catch Reporting Area 7B coho.

(c) Catch Reporting Area 7/7A sockeye (every year) and pink (odd-years only).

(d) Catch Reporting Areas 7/7A, 10/11, and 12/12B/12C chum.

(2) The director may authorize a registration and limited participation salmon net fishery when a harvestable number of salmon is determined to be available, but unknown participation or full-fleet participation fishing effort presents risk of:

(a) Exceeding the available harvest; or

(b) Compromising other specific management objectives.

(3) The director may establish a registration and limited participation salmon net fishery for purposes including, but not limited to:

(a) Experimental or developmental fisheries;

(b) Fisheries necessary to refine run size data;

(c) Fisheries necessary to provide biological information; and

(d) Cases where:

(i) Other specific management objectives have been stated;
(ii) There is a reasonable expectation that foregone opportunity will be claimed, and the harvestable surplus cannot be carried forward to the next year of harvest; and

(iii) Full-fleet participation, even with time, space, or gear restrictions, may exceed the harvest goal.

(4) The number of units of each gear type selected to participate in a registration and limited participation salmon net fishery will reflect the most recent ratio of gear types in the full-fleet fishery directed at the species in question, except when conservation concerns, biological data collection needs, or specific management objectives dictate alternative ratios or use of a single gear type.

(5) ~~((When a limited participation fishery is authorized, the department will contact fishers from the priority register at least twenty-four hours prior to the opening of the fishery. When a fisher cannot be contacted after reasonable effort, the department will select the next name, until the maximum number of allowable units of gear is reached. If not reached, the fisher's name will remain at the priority position, but the fisher may not participate in that limited participation fishery. Agreement to participate, or declining to participate, will remove the fisher from the priority position, and place the name at the bottom of the priority list.~~

~~Agreement to participate in an authorized limited participation fisheries will require a department observer on board a participating vessel. An additional permit may be required by a participating vessel to allow for a department observer to complete work associated with biological data collection needs meeting specific management objectives.~~

~~(6) Examples of specific management objectives include but are not limited to:~~

~~(a) Reducing levels of incidental catch of wild salmon stocks;~~

~~(b) Reducing incidental catch of nontarget salmon species originating from regions other than the fishing area; or~~

~~(c) Specific recreational emphasis action.))~~ Preseason commercial salmon application for a registration and limited participation salmon net fishery: A person who owns a valid department issued commercial salmon license must apply and register for the fisheries described in subsection (1) of this section by submitting an online preseason commercial salmon application to the department. License holders include: License owner, primary operator, alternate operator(s), or license lessees. Submission of the online preseason commercial salmon application is required to be an eligible participant in any registration and limited participation salmon net fishery as described in subsection (1) of this section.

(a) Preseason commercial salmon application requirements:

(i) License holders must submit a separate online preseason commercial salmon application for each registration and limited participation fishery the applicant wishes to register for.

(ii) Select one gear type: Gillnet or purse seine.

(iii) Provide a valid commercial salmon license number.

(iv) Provide a valid vessel name and vessel ID number.

(v) Provide a valid license holder name (first and last).

(vi) Provide a valid mailing address.

(vii) Provide a valid email address.

(viii) Provide a valid SMS capable phone number.

(b) Preseason commercial salmon application deadlines:

(i) Catch Reporting Area 7B coho - Second Monday of July.

(ii) Catch Reporting Area 7/7A sockeye (every year) and pink (odd-years only) - Third Monday of July.

(iii) Catch Reporting Area 10 pink (odd-years only) - Third Monday of July.

(iv) Catch Reporting Areas 7/7A, 10/11, and 12/12B fall chum - Second Monday of September.

(6) Registration lists and selection:

(a) Each year, the department will generate a registration list for each individual registration and limited participation salmon net fishery using all submitted preseason commercial salmon applications.

(b) Registration lists for each individual registration and limited participation salmon net fishery will be available for inspection at the department's Olympia office and posted publicly on the department web page prior to the fishery seasons, or upon written request to the department.

(7) In-season commercial salmon application for the registration and limited participation salmon net fishery: After submitting an on-line preseason commercial salmon application, the license holder, as described in subsection (5) of this section, must complete a weekly in-season commercial salmon application online for each registration and limited participation salmon net fishery in which they wish to participate.

(a) In-season commercial salmon application requirements:

(i) The applicant must have submitted a valid preseason commercial salmon application and be listed on the publicly posted registration list.

(ii) At the time of submitting the in-season commercial salmon application the applicant must possess an "active" commercial salmon license, as defined in (7)(c) of this subsection.

(iii) Each applicant on a registration list must submit an in-season commercial salmon application for each registration and limited participation salmon net fishery they intend to fish.

(iv) Select one gear type: Gillnet or purse seine.

(v) Provide a valid and active commercial salmon license number.

(vi) Provide a valid and active vessel name and vessel ID number.

(vii) Provide a valid and active license holder name (first and last).

(b) In-season commercial salmon application deadlines: In-season commercial salmon applications must be submitted online every Monday by noon, through the scheduled season.

(c) Active license definition: For the purpose of this section, "active" refers to a commercial salmon license that has been renewed and activated for the current year through the department commercial licensing and includes an imprint card with the license number, registered vessel ID, primary operator, alternate operator(s), and vessel name.

(8) Compliance and license management:

(a) A vessel is compliant with this section if it displays an active commercial salmon license and:

(i) Has completed the preseason application for each registration and limited participation salmon net fishery once; and

(ii) Has fully completed the in-season commercial salmon applications for each registration and limited participation salmon net fishery weekly, as determined by the department.

(b) When multiple individuals share the same license number, only one application may be accepted for both the preseason and in-season

commercial salmon application per registration and limited participation salmon net fishery.

(9) Participation and in-season management:

(a) When a fisher fails to submit an in-season commercial salmon application by the deadline, the department will move to the next applicant on the registration list until the maximum number of allowable units of gear is reached.

(i) If the limit is not reached, the applicant remains in the original registration list position but they may not participate in that registration and limited participation salmon net fishery.

(ii) If a fisher agrees to participate by completing a weekly in-season commercial salmon application, or if they fail to complete the weekly in-season commercial salmon application, they will be moved to the bottom of the ordered priority registration list. Late submissions will not be accepted.

(b) Agreement to participate in an authorized registration and limited participation salmon net fisheries may require a department observer on board a participating vessel, per RCW 77.12.071.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-13-053, filed 6/13/24, effective 7/14/24)

WAC 220-354-080 Puget Sound salmon—Closed areas. It is unlawful at any time, unless otherwise provided, to take, fish for, or possess salmon taken for commercial purposes with any type of gear from the following portions of Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas, except that closures listed in this section do not apply to reef net fishing areas listed in RCW 77.50.050:

Areas 4B, 5, 6, 6B, and 6C - The Strait of Juan de Fuca Preserve as defined in WAC 220-354-330.

Area 6D - Waters within 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the Dungeness River mouth (~~((48°9'16"N, 123°7'48"W))~~ 48°09'16"N, 123°07'48"W, east to waters within ~~((500))~~ 1,000 feet of Meadowbrook Creek mouth (~~((48°9'7"N, 123°7'19"W))~~ 48°09'07"N, 123°07'19"W).

Area 7 -

(1) The San Juan Island Preserve as defined in WAC 220-354-320.

(2) Those waters within 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of shore on Orcas Island from Deer Point (48°36'5.1"N, 122°47'59.7"W) northeasterly to Lawrence Point (48°39'38.1"N, 122°44'31"W), thence west to a point intercepting a line projected from the northernmost point of Jones Island (48°37'17"N, ~~((123°2'11.4"W))~~ 123°02'11.4"W), thence 90 degrees true to Orcas Island.

(3) Those waters within 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the shore of Cypress Island from Cypress Head (~~((48°34'3.1"N, 122°40'5.5"W))~~ 48°34'03.1"N, 122°40'05.5"W) to the northernmost point of Cypress Island (48°36'31.5"N, 122°42'42.2"W).

(4) Those waters easterly of a line projected from Iceberg Point (48°25'20.2"N, 122°53'41.1"W) to Iceberg Island (48°25'20.2"N, 122°53'41.1"W), to the easternmost point of Charles Island (48°26'25.8"N, 122°54'18.5"W), then true north from the northernmost point of Charles Island (48°26'41.1"N, 122°54'34.3"W) to the shore of Lopez Island (48°26'47.1"N, 122°54'34.2"W).

(5) Those waters northerly of a line projected from the southernmost point of land at Aleck Bay (48°25'25.6"N, (~~122°51'18.2"W~~)) 122°51'08.2"W) to the westernmost point of Colville Island (48°24'56"N, 122°49'31.9"W), thence from the easternmost point of Colville Island (48°24'53.5"N, 122°49'10.7"W) to Point Colville (48°25'17.1"N, 122°48'50.7"W).

(6) Those waters easterly of a line projected from Biz Point on Fidalgo Island (48°26'33.1"N, 122°40'42.3"W) to the Williamson Rocks Lighted Buoy 4 (Light List No. 19335 FLR4s4M"4"RED, 48°26'51"N, 122°42'27.8"W), thence to the Dennis Shoal Buoy 6 (Light List No. 19345 Red Nun, 48°27'27"W, 122°42'57"N), thence to Burrows Island Light (Light List No. 19350 FLW6s57ft7MHorn(B1(2)30s, 48°27'27.6"N, 122°42'59.3"W) on the westernmost point of Burrows Island, thence to the southwesternmost point of Fidalgo Head (48°29'31.2"N, 122°42'10.6"W), and including those waters within 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the western shore of Allan Island, those waters within 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the western shore of Burrows Island, and those waters within 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the shore of Fidalgo Island from the southwesternmost point of Fidalgo Head (48°29'31.2"N, 122°42'10.6"W) northerly to Shannon Point (48°30'32.8"N, (~~122°41'12.5"W~~)) 122°41'02.5"W).

(7) Additional Fraser sockeye and pink seasonal closure: Those waters within 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the shore of Fidalgo Island from the Initiative 77 marker (48°25'14.2"N, 122°40'04.5"W) northerly to Biz Point (48°26'33.1"N, 122°40'42.3"W).

(8) Those waters within 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the eastern shore of Lopez Island from Point Colville (48°25'17.1"N, 122°48'50.7"W) northerly to Lopez Pass (48°28'42.1"N, 122°49'10.7"W), and those waters within 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the eastern shore of Decatur Island from the southernmost point of land (48°28'52"N, 122°49'5"W) northerly to Fauntleroy Point (48°31'28.4"N, 122°47'18.8"W), and including those waters within 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the shore of James Island.

Area 7A - The Drayton Harbor Preserve as defined in WAC 220-354-310.

Area 7B -

(1) That portion south and east of a line from William Point on Samish Island (48°34'55.2"N, 122°33'38.2"W) to Saddlebag Island (48°32'7.2"W, 122°33'32.6"N) to Casperson Point on Guemes Island to landfall on March Point (48°29'58.4"N, 122°33'55.9"W), and that portion northerly of the railroad trestle in Chuckanut Bay.

(2) That portion of Bellingham Bay and Portage Bay adjacent to Lummi Indian Reservation is closed north and west of a line from the intersection of Marine Drive and Hoff Road (48°46'59"N, 122°34'25"W) projected 180 degrees true for 1.80 nautical miles (nm) to a point at 48°45'11"N, 122°34'25"W, then 250 degrees true for 0.92 nm to a point at 48°44'50"N, 122°35'42"W, then 270 degrees true for 0.95 nm to 48°44'50"N, 122°37'08"W, then 228 degrees true for 0.65 nm to 48°44'24"N, 122°37'52"W, then 200 degrees true for 0.69 nm to 48°43'45"N, 122°38'12"W, then 90 degrees true for 0.64 nm to a point just northeast of Portage Island (48°43'45"N, 122°37'14"W), then 155 degrees true for 0.97 nm to a point just east of Portage Island (48°42'52"N, 122°36'37"W), then 247 degrees true for (~~(80-yards)~~) 240 feet to landfall on Portage Island (48°42'51.1"N, 122°36'40.3"W).

(3) (~~(*Section reserved*)~~) Additional coho seasonal closure: Hale Pass - Not in place for (~~(2024)~~) 2025.

(4) Additional chum seasonal closure: That portion of Bellingham Bay referred to as the Whatcom Creek Zone east of a line projected 180 degrees true from the Bellingham Breakwater north entrance light 4 (Light List No. 19280 Fl(1)R6s17m5M, 48°45'26.3"N, 122°30'41.5"W) at the west entrance to Squalicum Harbor, to landfall east of Post Point (48°43'18.2"N, 122°30'41.5"W) - (~~Closure~~) Not in place for ((2024)) 2025.

Area 7C - That portion southeasterly of a line projected from the mouth of Oyster Creek (48°36'51.6"N, 122°26'27.8"W) 237 degrees true to the fishing boundary marker on Samish Island (48°34'33.1"N, 122°31'49.3"W).

Area 8 -

(1) That portion of Skagit Bay easterly of a line projected from Brown Point on Camano Island (48°16'12.6"N, 122°27'52.8"W) to a white monument on the easterly point of Ika Island (48°21'40.1"N, 122°29'52.8"W), thence across the Skagit River to the terminus of the jetty with McGlinn Island (48°22'18.3"N, 122°30'18.3"W).

(2) Those waters within 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the western shore of Camano Island south of a line projected true west from Rocky Point (48°15'1.3"N, 122°31'47.2"W).

Area 8A -

(1) Those waters easterly of a line projected from Mission Beach (~~((48°3'19.3"N))~~) 48°03'19.3"N, 122°17'23.1"W) to Gedney Island Light 1 (Light List No. 18480 FlG25s15ft4M"1," ~~((48°0'15.5"N))~~) 48°00'15.5"N, 122°17'49.7"W), excluding the waters of Area 8D, thence through the Snohomish River Light 5 (Light List No. 18535 FlG4s16ft5M, 47°59'16.3"N, 122°13'47.4"W) and across the mouth of the Snohomish River to landfall on the eastern shore (47°59'13.3"N, 122°13'35"W), and those waters northerly of a line from Camano Head (48°3'23.2"N, 122°21'24.6"W) to the northern boundary of Area 8D, except when open for pink fisheries.

(2) Additional coho seasonal closure prior to October 3: Those waters southerly of a line projected from the Washington state ferry Clinton terminal (47°58'28.8"N, 122°21'5.2"W) to landfall on the eastern shore (47°56'57"N, 122°18'15.7"W).

Area 8D - Those waters easterly of a line projected from the northerly most point of Mission Beach (~~((48°3'19.3"N))~~) 48°03'19.3"N, 122°17'23.1"W) to Hermosa Point (~~((48°3'42.7"N))~~) 48°03'42.7"N, 122°17'36.4"W).

Area 9 - Those waters lying inside and westerly of a line projected from the Point No Point Light (Light List No. 16550 Fl(3)W10s27ft14M, 47°54'43.9"N, 122°31'36.3"W) to the traffic separation lane Lighted Buoy SE (Light List No. 16540 FlY2.5s5MY"SE," (47°55'26.8"N, 122°29'30.7"W), thence to landfall at (~~((47°55'4.2"N))~~) 47°55'04.2"N, 122°32'46"W) on Norwegian Point.

Area 9A -

(1) Those waters north of a line projected from the southern edge of the old mill site (47°51'05.5"N, 122°34'59"W) to the fallen tree on the opposite shore (~~((47°51'6.6"N))~~) 47°51'06.6"N, 122°34'15.9"W).

(2) Those waters within 1,000 feet of Port Gamble Creek and Martha John Creek.

Area 10 -

(1) Those waters easterly of a line projected from Meadow Point (47°41'35.9"N, 122°24'21.6"W) to West Point (47°39'43.6"N, ~~((122°26'8.5"W))~~) 122°26'08.5"W).

(2) Those waters of Port Madison westerly of a line projected from Point Jefferson (47°44'51.7"N, 122°28'25.6"W) to the northernmost portion of Point Monroe (47°42'32"N, 122°30'43.5"W).

(3) Additional pink seasonal closure: The area east inside of the line projected from West Point (47°39'43.6"N, 122°26'8.5"W) and extending west to the traffic separation lane Lighted Buoy SG (Light List No. 16815 FLY2.5s5MY"SG," 47°39'41.6"N, 122°27'52.6"W), thence 20 degrees true until reaching latitude 47°44'30.0"N, thence extending directly east to the shoreline (47°44'30"N, 122°22'40.5"W).

(4) Additional purse seine pink seasonal closure: The area within ((500)) 1,000 feet of the eastern shore in Area 10 is closed to purse seines north of latitude 47°44'30.0"N.

(5) Additional chum seasonal closure: Those waters of Elliott Bay east of a line from Alki Point (Light List No. 16915 FL5s39ft16M, 47°34'34.5"N, 122°25'14"W) to the Fourmile Rock Light 1 (Light List No. 16810 FLG6s15ft6M"1," 47°38'20.4"N, 122°24'48.7"W), and those waters northerly of a line projected from Point Wells to traffic separation lane Lighted Buoy SF (Light List No. 16745 FLY2.5s5MY"SF," 47°45'53"N, 122°26'15.7"W), then west to President's Point (47°45'57.2"N, 122°28'20.1"W).

(6) Those waters of Rich Passage, easterly of a line projected from Orchard Point (47°33'55"N, 122°31'56"W) to Beans Point (47°34'29"N, 122°31'20"W) on Bainbridge Island, and westerly of a line projected from Restoration Point ((47°35'11"N)) 47°35'01"N, 122°28'46"W) to landfall at Colchester (47°32'41"N, 122°32'22.6"W) true west from the northwest point of Blake Island.

Area 10E - Those waters of Liberty Bay north of a line projected true east from 47°41'56.4"N, 122°36'53.5"W to 47°41'56.4"N, 122°36'17.4"W, those waters of Dyes Inlet north of the Manette Bridge, and those waters of Sinclair Inlet southwest of a line projected true east from the Washington state ferry Bremerton terminal (47°33'43.9"N, 122°37'31.1"W) to landfall at Port Orchard (47°33'43.9"N, 122°35'31.1"W).

Area 11 -

(1) The waters of Gig Harbor, northerly of a line projected true west from the Gig Harbor Light (Light List No. 17221 FLR4s13ft3MPriv., 47°19'35.7"N, 122°34'29.2"W). The waters of Commencement Bay, south of a line from Browns Point (47°18'20.3"N, 122°26'39.4"W) to the northernmost point of land on Point Defiance ((47°19'17.7"N)) 47°19'07.7"N, 122°32'23.9"W).

(2) Additional chum seasonal closure: Those waters south of a line projected from the Gig Harbor Light (Light List No. 17221 FLR4s13ft3MPriv., 47°19'35.7"N, 122°34'29.2"W) to the Washington state ferry Tahlequah terminal (47°19'58.3"N, 122°30'25.5"W), south of a line projected from Neill Point (47°19'53"N, 122°29'33"W) to Piner Point (47°20'37"N, 122°27'17"W), west of a line projected from Piner Point (47°20'37"N, 122°27'17"W) to Dash Point (47°19'10"N, 122°25'47"W), and north of Area 11/11A line.

Areas 12, 12B, and 12C - Those waters within 1,000 feet of the eastern shore.

Area 12 - Those waters inside and easterly of a line projected from Lone Rock (47°39'46"N, 122°46'11"W) to Hood Canal Light 13 (Light List No. 17855 FLG2.5s20ft4M"13," 47°39'45.5"N, 122°47'14.4"W) off Big Beef Creek, thence southerly to the outermost northern headland of Little Beef Creek (47°39'24.4"N, 122°47'23.4"W).

Area 12 - Additional chum seasonal closures: Those waters of Area 12 south and west of a line projected 94 degrees true from south Hazel

Point (47°41'29.1"N, 122°46'22.6"W) to the Hood Canal Light 11 on the opposite shore (Light List No. 17845 FLG4s15ft5M"11," 47°41'24.6"N, 122°44'50.4"W), bounded on the west by the Area 12/12B boundary line.

Area 12A -

(1) Those waters north of a line projected due east from Broad Spit (47°48'37.8"N, 122°48'59.3"W) to landfall on the Toandos Peninsula (47°48'37.8"N, 122°47'42.5"W).

(2) Those waters within 1,000 feet of the mouth of the Quilcene River.

Area 12B -

(1) Those waters within ((1/4-mile)) 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the mouths of the Dosewallips, Duckabush, and Hamma Hamma rivers and Anderson Creek.

(2) Additional Chinook seasonal closure: Those waters north and east of a line projected from Tekiu Point (47°35'6.6"N, 122°57'52.8"W) to Triton Head (47°36'10.9"N, 122°59'0.5"W).

Area 12C -

(1) Those waters within 2,000 feet of the western shore between the dock at Glen Ayr R.V. Park (47°25'14.1"W, 23°7'50.7"N) and the Port of Hoodspport marina dock (47°24'12.6"N, ((123°8'29.5"W)) 123°08'29.5"W). This area is also referred to as the Hoodspport Hatchery Zone.

(2) Those waters south of a line projected 107 degrees true from the Cushman Powerhouse (47°22'11.2"N, 123°09'35.9"W) to the Union boat launch (47°21'27.5"N, ((123°6'1.9"W)) 123°06'1.9"W).

(3) Those waters within ((1/4-mile)) 1,500 feet (1/4 nautical mile) of the mouth of the Dewatto River.

Area 13A - Those waters of Burley Lagoon north of State Route 302; those waters within 1,000 feet of the outer oyster stakes off Minter Creek Bay from 47°21'47.5"N, 122°41'10.1"W to ((47°21'9.8"N)) 47°21'09.8"N, 122°41'57.7"W, including all waters of Minter Creek Bay; those waters westerly of a line drawn due north from Thompson Spit (47°19'58.6"N, 122°43'42.7"W) at the mouth of Glen Cove; and those waters within 1/4-mile of Green Point.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-13-053, filed 6/13/24, effective 7/14/24)

WAC 220-354-120 Puget Sound salmon—Purse seine—Open periods.

(1) It is unlawful to take, fish for, or possess salmon taken with purse seine gear for commercial purposes from Puget Sound, except in the following designated Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas and during the periods provided for in each respective Management and Catch Reporting Area:

AREA	TIME	DATE
7, 7A:	7AM - 6PM -	10/11, 10/12, 10/14, 10/15, 10/18, 10/19, 10/20, 10/21, 10/22, 10/23, 10/24, 10/25, 10/26, 10/27, 10/28, 10/29, 10/30, 10/31, 11/1, 11/2, 11/3, 11/4, 11/5, 11/6, 11/7, 11/8((11/9))

AREA	TIME	DATE
((Note: In Areas 7 and 7A, it is unlawful to fail to brail when fishing with purse seine gear. Any time brailing is required, purse seine fishers must also use a recovery box in compliance with WAC 220-354-100 (7)(a) through (f).))		
7B:	6AM - 8PM	- ((8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 8/29, 9/4)) <u>8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 8/28, 9/3</u>
	7AM - 7PM	- ((9/9, 9/11, 9/13)) <u>9/8, 9/10, 9/12</u>
7B:	7AM - 7PM	- ((9/16, 9/18, 9/20)) <u>9/15, 9/17, 9/19</u>
	7AM - 6PM	- ((9/22 - 10/19)) <u>9/21 - 10/18</u>
	7AM - 6PM	- ((10/28 - 11/1)) <u>10/27 - 10/31</u>
	7AM - 5PM	- ((11/4 - 11/8)) <u>11/3 - 11/7</u>
	7AM - 5PM	- ((11/11 - 11/15)) <u>11/10 - 11/14</u>
	7AM - 5PM	- ((11/18 - 11/22)) <u>11/17 - 11/21</u>
	7AM - 5PM	- ((11/25 - 11/29)) <u>11/24 - 11/28</u>
	7AM - 5PM	- ((12/2 - 12/6)) <u>12/1 - 12/5</u>
7C:	6AM - 8PM	- ((8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 8/29, 9/4)) <u>8/13, 8/20, 8/27, 8/28, 9/3</u>
	7AM - 7PM	- ((9/9, 9/11, 9/13)) <u>9/8, 9/10, 9/12</u>

((Note: The Whatecom Creek Zone: That portion of Area 7B east of a North-South line from the flashing red light at the west entrance to Squalicum Harbor to land fall east of Post Point may close per in-season management needs.))

8:	Closed	
8A:	Closed	
8D:	Closed	
10((, 11:))	6AM - 8PM	- <u>8/19, 8/20, 8/21, 8/26, 8/27, 8/28, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4</u>
<u>10, 11:</u>	7AM - 6PM	- ((10/17, 10/21, 10/28)) <u>10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 10/30</u>
	7AM - 5PM	- ((11/4, 11/7)) <u>11/3</u> Additional October dates (determined per agreement with tribal co-managers in-season if harvestable surplus of salmon increase).
12, 12B:	7AM - 6PM	- ((10/17, 10/21, 10/28)) <u>10/13, 10/20, 10/27</u>
	7AM - 5PM	- ((11/4, 11/7, 11/11, 11/19)) <u>11/3, 11/10, 11/18</u>
12C:	((Closed)) <u>Pending In-Season Management</u>	

((Note: Areas 10 pink directed purse seine fisheries, adjusted hours 7AM-7PM, limited participation to 5 purse seine and 5 gillnet; observers required; use of recovery box required. Purse seines must brail. Retention of Chinook, coho, and chum is prohibited for all gears. It is unlawful to fail to brail or use a brailing bunt when fishing with purse seine gear. Any time brailing is required, purse seine fishers must also use a recovery box in compliance with WAC 220-354-100 (7)(a) through (f).))

AREA TIME DATE

Note: Areas 10 and 11 chum directed fisheries may be subject to limited participation with daily per vessel catch limits. The number of purse seine vessels and daily per vessel catch limits will be determined by in-season management. Observers are required for all participating purse seine vessels. This may also include requiring observers aboard tender vessels during offloads.))

(2) Purse seine seasonal restrictions - It is unlawful to fail to follow seasonal restrictions when fishing with purse seine gear in the following areas:

(a) Areas 7, 7A - Participation requires compliance with WAC 220-354-050 regarding registration and limited participation salmon net fisheries. Observers are required for all participating purse seine vessels. This may also include requiring observers aboard tender vessels during offloads. It is unlawful to fail to brail when fishing with purse seine gear. Any time brailing is required, purse seine fishers must also use a recovery box in compliance with WAC 220-354-100 (7) (a) through (f).

(b) Areas 7B, 7C - The Whatcom Creek Zone, that portion of Area 7B defined in WAC 220-354-080 may close per in-season management needs.

(c) Area 10 - Area 10 pink directed purse seine fisheries, adjusted hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Participation requires compliance with WAC 220-354-050 regarding registration and limited participation salmon net fisheries. Observers are required for all participating purse seine vessels. This may also include requiring observers aboard tender vessels during offloads. The use of a recovery box is required. Purse seines must brail. It is unlawful to fail to brail or use a brailing bunt when fishing with purse seine gear. Any time brailing is required, purse seine fishers must also use a recovery box in compliance with WAC 220-354-100 (7) (a) through (f).

(d) Areas 10, 11 - Areas 10 and 11 chum fisheries participation requires compliance with WAC 220-354-050 regarding registration and limited participation salmon net fisheries. Observers are required for all participating purse seine vessels. This may also include requiring observers aboard tender vessels during offloads.

(e) Area 12C - Area 12C purse seine fishing is contingent upon the results of the agreed-to ISU and agreement with comanagers. Participation requires compliance with WAC 220-354-050 regarding registration and limited participation salmon net fisheries. Observers are required for all participating purse seine vessels. This may also include requiring observers aboard tender vessels during offloads.

(3) It is unlawful to retain the following salmon species taken with purse seine gear within the following areas during the following periods:

(a) Chinook salmon (~~((At all times in))~~):

(i) Areas 7, 7A, 8, 8A, 8D, 10, 11, 12, 12B, and 12C(~~((and))~~) - At all times.

(ii) Area 7B after October 20 (~~((in Area 7B))~~).

(b) Coho salmon (~~((At all times in))~~):

(i) Areas 7, 7A, 10, 11, 12, 12B, and 12C(~~((and))~~) - At all times.

(ii) Area 7B prior to September 1 (~~((in Area 7B))~~).

(c) Chum salmon (~~((Prior to October 1 in))~~):

(i) Areas 7, 7A, 7B, and 7C(~~((and at all times in))~~) - Prior to October 1.

(ii) Area 8A - At all times.

(d) Sockeye (~~((At all times in))~~) salmon:

- (i) Areas (~~(7, 7A)~~) 7B, 7C, 8, 8A, 8D, 10, 11, 12, 12B, and 12C - At all times. (~~Seekeye~~)
- (ii) Areas 7 and 7A retention may be allowed (~~in Areas 7 and 7A~~) if authorized under the Fraser River Panel.
- (e) All other saltwater and freshwater areas - Closed.
- (~~(3)~~) (4) Fishers must take department observers, if requested by department staff, when participating in these openings under RCW 77.12.071.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-05-112, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17)

WAC 220-354-140 Puget Sound salmon—Lawful gear—Gillnet. (1) It is unlawful to use drift gillnet salmon gear in Puget Sound that exceeds 1,800 feet in length or contains meshes of a size less than 5 inches. It is unlawful to fail to attend to drift gillnets at all times.

(2) It is unlawful to use skiff gillnet salmon nets in Puget Sound that exceed 600 feet in length, 90 meshes in depth, or that contain meshes of a size less than 5 inches, except in Area 9A, where skiff gillnets are further restricted by not being more than 60 meshes deep. It is unlawful to retrieve skiff gillnets by any means except by hand (no hydraulics may be used). It is unlawful to fail to attend to skiff gillnets at all times.

(3) (~~Drift gillnets and skiff gillnets shall be operated substantially in a straight line. It is unlawful to set such nets in a circle or to set them in other than a substantially straight line~~) Vessels engaged in gillnet fishing between sunset and sunrise must display an all-round (32-point) white light at the end of the net most distant from the vessel. This light must be visible from a minimum distance of two nautical miles and positioned at least three feet above the surface of the water. If the vessel is not physically attached to either end of the net, such lights must be affixed and displayed at both ends of the net.

(a) Drift gillnets and skiff gillnets shall be operated substantially in a straight line. It is unlawful to set such nets in a circle or to set them in other than a substantially straight line. Considering prevailing currents and weather conditions, drift gillnets and skiff gillnets must still be operated in a manner that maintains a substantially straight line.

(b) It is unlawful to operate (~~any~~) a drift gillnet (~~, attended or unattended~~), unless (~~there is~~) two red size A-3 buoys are securely affixed, within five feet of each end of the net, (~~two red size A-3 buoys~~), clearly marking the visible ends of the cork line (~~portion of the net~~). One of the two buoys shall be visibly, legibly, and permanently marked (~~in a visible, legible, and permanent manner~~) with the name and gillnet license number of the fisher.

(~~(b)~~) (c) The cork line portion of the net shall be marked every (~~50 fathoms~~) 300 feet of the net with size A-1 buoys.

(4) It is unlawful to take or fish for salmon with gillnet gear in Areas 7 or 7A sockeye or pink salmon fisheries unless said gillnet gear is constructed so that the first 20 meshes below the cork line

are composed of five-inch mesh, white opaque, minimum 210/30d (#12) diameter, nylon twine.

(5) It is unlawful to take or fish for salmon with gillnet gear when recovery box(es) are required in areas defined under WAC 220-301-030 unless the gillnet vessel has aboard and uses said operable recovery box(es) as described in this subsection.

(a) Dimensions and capacities of required recovery boxes:

(i) Recovery boxes must have two chambers, if one box, or one chamber in each box, if two boxes.

(ii) Each recovery box chamber must have an inside length measurement of 48 inches, an inside width measurement of 10 inches, and an inside height measurement of 16 inches.

(iii) Each chamber of the recovery box must have an inlet hole measuring between 3/4 inch and 1 inch in diameter. The inlet hole must be centered horizontally across the door or wall of the chamber, and the bottom of the hole must be located 1-3/4 inches above the floor of the chamber.

(iv) Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water outlet hole on the opposite wall from the inlet hole, and the outlet hole must be at least 1-1/2 inches in diameter, with the bottom of the outlet hole located 12 inches above the floor of the chamber.

(v) Flow of water through each chamber of the recovery boxes must be not less than 16 gallons per minute, nor more than 20 gallons per minute.

(b) Each box and chamber must be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked.

(c) The vessel operator must demonstrate to department employees, upon request, that the pumping system is delivering the proper volume of fresh seawater into each chamber.

(d) All salmon not to be retained must be released immediately with care and with the least possible injury to the fish, or placed into the operating recovery box.

(e) Any fish that is bleeding or lethargic must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released.

(f) All fish placed in the recovery boxes must be released within the same catch area as the area of capture, and the release must occur prior to landing or docking.

(6) It is unlawful to fish for salmon with gillnet gear in Areas 7 and 7A unless the vessel operator has attended a "Fish Friendly" best fishing practices workshop and is in possession of a department-issued certification card.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-13-053, filed 6/13/24, effective 7/14/24)

WAC 220-354-160 Puget Sound salmon—Gillnet—Open periods. (1)

It is unlawful to take, fish for, or possess salmon taken with gillnet gear for commercial purposes from Puget Sound, except in the following designated Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas during the periods provided for in each respective fishing area:

AREA	TIME	DATE(S)	MINIMUM MESH
6D: ((Skiff gillnet only, definition WAC 220-350-170 and lawful gear description WAC 220-354-140-))	7AM - 7PM	9/21, 9/22, 9/23, 9/24, 9/25, ((9/26, 9/27)) 9/29, 9/30, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, ((10/4)) 10/6, 10/7, 10/8, 10/9, 10/10, ((10/11)) 10/13, 10/14, 10/15, 10/16, 10/17, ((10/18)) 10/20, 10/21, 10/22, 10/23, 10/24, ((10/25)) 10/27, 10/28, 10/29, 10/30, 10/31, ((11/1)) 11/3, 11/4, 11/5, 11/6, 11/7, ((11/8, 11/9))	5"
((Note: In Area 6D, it is unlawful to use other than 5-inch minimum mesh in the skiff gillnet fishery. It is unlawful to retain Chinook taken in Area 6D at any time, or any chum salmon taken in Area 6D prior to October 15 per Table 3.34 of the SCSCI Base Conservation Regime. In Area 6D, any Chinook or chum salmon required to be released must be removed from the net by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.))			
7, 7A:	7AM - Midnight	10/11, 10/12, 10/14, 10/15, ((10/18,)) 10/19, 10/20, 10/21, 10/22, 10/23, 10/24, 10/25, 10/26, 10/27, 10/28, 10/29, 10/30, 10/31, 11/1, 11/2, 11/3, 11/4, 11/5, 11/6, 11/7, 11/8, ((11/9))	6 1/4"
((Note: In Areas 7 and 7A after October 9 and prior to October 18, coho and Chinook salmon must be released, and it is unlawful to use a net soak time of more than 45 minutes. Net soak time is defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gillnet web enters the water, until the gillnet is fully retrieved from the water. Fishers must also use a recovery box in compliance with WAC 220-354-140 (5)(a) through (f) when coho and Chinook release is required.))			
7B:	7PM - ((8)) 10AM	NIGHTLY ((8/11, 8/12, 8/13, 8/18, 8/19, 8/20, 8/21, 8/25, 8/26, 8/27, 8/28)) 8/10, 8/17, 8/20, 8/24, 8/27	7"
	6AM - 11PM	DAILY 8/11, 8/12	5"
	5AM - 11PM	DAILY 8/18, 8/19, 8/25, 8/26	5"
	7AM ((9/1)) 8/31 - 7AM ((9/5)) 9/4		5"
	7AM ((9/8)) 9/7 - 7AM ((9/12)) 9/11		5"
	7AM ((9/15)) 9/14 - 7AM ((9/19)) 9/18		5"
	7AM ((9/22)) 9/21 - Midnight ((10/26)) 10/25		5"
	7AM ((10/28)) 10/27 - 4PM ((11/4)) 10/31		6 1/4"
	7AM ((11/4)) 11/3 - 4PM ((11/8)) 11/7		
	7AM ((11/11)) 11/10 - 4PM ((11/15)) 11/14		
	7AM ((11/18)) 11/17 - 4PM ((11/22)) 11/21		
	7AM ((11/25)) 11/24 - 4PM ((11/29)) 11/28		
	7AM ((12/2)) 12/1 - 4PM ((12/6)) 12/5		
7C:	7PM - ((8)) 10AM	NIGHTLY 8/10, 8/11, 8/12, ((8/13)) 8/17, 8/18, 8/19, 8/20, ((8/21)) 8/24, 8/25, 8/26, 8/27, ((8/28))	7"
	7AM ((9/1)) 8/31 - 7AM ((9/5)) 9/4		7"
	7AM ((9/8)) 9/7 - 7AM ((9/12)) 9/11		7"
((Note: In Area 7C the minimum mesh size is 7" through 9/12.			
Note: The Whateom Creek Zone: That portion of Area 7B east of a North-South line from the flashing red light at the west entrance to Squalicum Harbor to land fall east of Post Point may close per in-season management needs.))			
8:	5AM - 11PM	Closed	5"
((Note: In Area 8 it is unlawful to take or fish for pink salmon with drift gillnets greater than 60-mesh maximum depth. Fishers must also use minimum 5" and maximum 5 1/2" mesh during pink salmon management periods.))			
8A:	6PM - 8AM	Closed	5"
	6PM - 8AM	Closed	5"
((Note: In Area 8A fishers must use minimum 5" and maximum 5 1/2" mesh during pink salmon management periods.))			
8D:	6PM - 8AM	NIGHTLY ((9/15, 9/19, 9/22, 9/26, 9/29, 10/3, 10/6, 10/10)) 9/14, 9/18, 9/21, 9/25, 9/28, 10/2, 10/5, 10/9	5"

AREA	TIME		DATE(S)	MINIMUM MESH
	6PM ((9/16)) 9/15	-	8AM ((9/19)) 9/18	5"
	6PM ((9/23)) 9/22	-	8AM ((9/26)) 9/25	5"
	6PM ((9/30)) 9/29	-	8AM ((10/3)) 10/2	5"
	6PM ((10/7)) 10/6	-	8AM ((10/10)) 10/9	5"
	5PM	-	9AM	NIGHTLY ((10/13, 10/17, 10/20, 10/24)) 10/12, 10/16, 10/19, 10/23
	5PM ((10/14)) 10/13	-	9AM ((10/17)) 10/16	5"
	5PM ((10/21)) 10/20	-	9AM ((10/24)) 10/23	5"
	5PM	-	9AM	Closed
	4PM	-	8AM	Closed
	4PM	-	8AM	Closed
	6AM	-	6PM	Closed
	7AM	-	6PM	Closed
9A: ((Skiff gillnet only, definition WAC 220-350-170 and lawful gear description WAC 220-354-140-))	7AM ((8/11)) 8/10	-	7PM ((11/2)) 11/1	5"
((Note: It is unlawful to retain chum salmon taken in Area 9A prior to October 1, and it is unlawful to retain Chinook salmon at any time. Any salmon required to be released must be removed from the net by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.))				
10:	7AM	-	7PM	8/19, 8/20, 8/21, 8/26, 8/27, 8/28, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4
10, 11:	5PM	-	9AM	10/14, 10/16, ((10/20)) 10/19, 10/22, 10/26, 10/29((-10/31))
	4PM	-	8AM	11/3, 11/5
((Note: Areas 10 pink directed gillnet fisheries, adjusted hours 7AM-7PM, limited participation to 5 purse seine and 5 gillnet, observers required, use of recovery box required in compliance with WAC 220-354-140 (5)(a) through (f). For gillnets it is unlawful to use a net soak time of more than 90 minutes. Net soak time is defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gillnet web enters the water, until the gillnet is fully retrieved from the water. Retention of Chinook, coho, and chum is prohibited for all gears.				
Note: Areas 10 and 11 chum directed fisheries may be subject to limited participation with daily per vessel catch limits. The number of vessels per gear type and daily per vessel catch limits will be determined by in-season management. Observers may be required for gillnets, including observers aboard tender vessels during offloads.-))				
12A: ((Skiff gillnet only, definition WAC 220-350-170 and lawful gear description WAC 220-354-140-))	7AM	-	7PM	Closed.
((Note: In Area 12A, it is unlawful to use other than 5-inch minimum mesh in the skiff gillnet fishery. It is unlawful to retain Chinook or chum salmon taken in Area 12A at any time, and any salmon required to be released must be removed from the net by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.))				
12, 12B:	7AM	-	8PM	((10/15, 10/20, 10/22, 10/29, 10/31)) 10/14, 10/16, 10/21, 10/23, 10/26, 10/29
	((7AM	-	7PM	11/3, 11/5
	6AM	-	6PM	((11/12, 11/14, 11/18)) 11/2, 11/5, 11/11, 11/13, 11/17, 11/20
12C:	6AM	-	6PM	Closed

All other saltwater and freshwater areas - Closed.

((Nightly openings refer to the start date.))

Within an area or areas, a mesh size restriction remains in effect from the first date indicated until a mesh size change is shown, and the new mesh size restriction remains in effect until changed.

(2) Gill net seasonal restrictions - It is unlawful to fail to follow seasonal restrictions when fishing with gill net gear in the following areas:

(a) Area 6D - In Area 6D, it is unlawful to use other than 5-inch minimum mesh in the skiff gillnet fishery. It is unlawful to retain Chinook taken in Area 6D at any time, or any chum salmon taken in Area 6D prior to October 15 per Table 3.34 of the SCSCI Base Conservation Regime. In Area 6D, any Chinook or chum salmon required to be released must be removed from the net by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

Area 6D is skiff gillnet only, definition WAC 220-350-170 and lawful gear description WAC 220-354-140.

(b) Areas 7, 7A - Participation requires compliance with WAC 220-354-050 regarding registration and limited participation salmon net fisheries. This may also include requiring observers aboard tender vessels during offloads. After October 9 and prior to October 18, coho and Chinook salmon must be released, and it is unlawful to use a net soak time of more than 45 minutes. Net soak time is defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gillnet web enters the water, until the gillnet is fully retrieved from the water. Fishers must also use a recovery box in compliance with WAC 220-354-140 (5)(a) through (f) when coho and Chinook release is required.

(c) Areas 7B, 7C - For Area 7B daytime coho fisheries, participation requires compliance with WAC 220-354-050 regarding registration and limited participation salmon net fisheries. This may also include requiring observers aboard tender vessels during offloads. The Whatcom Creek Zone, that portion of Area 7B defined in WAC 220-354-080 may close per in-season management needs. In Area 7C the minimum mesh size is 7 inch.

(d) Areas 8, 8A, 8D - In Area 8 it is unlawful to take or fish for pink salmon with drift gillnets greater than 60-mesh maximum depth. Fishers must also use minimum 5 inch and maximum 5-1/2-inch mesh during pink salmon management periods. Area 8A fishers must use minimum 5 inch and maximum 5-1/2-inch mesh during pink salmon management periods.

(e) Area 9A - It is unlawful to retain chum salmon taken in Area 9A prior to October 1, and it is unlawful to retain Chinook salmon at any time. Any salmon required to be released must be removed from the net by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish. Area 9A is skiff gillnet only, definition WAC 220-350-170 and lawful gear description WAC 220-354-140.

(f) Area 10 - In Area 10 pink directed gillnet fisheries adjusted hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Participation requires compliance with WAC 220-354-050 regarding registration and limited participation salmon net fisheries. This may also include requiring observers aboard tender vessels during offloads. The use of a recovery box is required in compliance with WAC 220-354-140 (5)(a) through (f). For gillnets it is unlawful to use a net soak time of more than 90 minutes. Net soak time is defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gillnet web enters the water, until the gillnet is fully retrieved from the water. Retention of Chinook, coho, and chum is prohibited for all gears.

(g) Areas 10, 11 - Areas 10 and 11 chum fisheries, participation requires compliance with WAC 220-354-050 regarding registration and limited participation salmon net fisheries. This may also include requiring observers aboard tender vessels during offloads.

(h) Area 12A - In Area 12A, it is unlawful to use other than 5-inch minimum mesh in the skiff gillnet fishery. It is unlawful to retain Chinook or chum salmon taken in Area 12A at any time, and any salmon required to be released must be removed from the net by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish. Area 12A is skiff gillnet only, definition WAC 220-350-170 and lawful gear description WAC 220-354-140.

(i) Areas 12, 12B, 12C - Areas 12, 12B and 12C chum fisheries, participation requires compliance with WAC 220-354-050 regarding registration and limited participation salmon net fisheries. This may also include requiring observers aboard tender vessels during offloads.

Area 12C gill net fishing is contingent upon the results of the agreed-to ISU and agreement with comanagers.

(3) It is unlawful to retain the following salmon species taken with gill net gear within the following areas during the following periods:

(a) Chinook salmon:

(i) Areas 6D, 9A, 12A - At all times.

(ii) Areas 7, 7A - October 10 to October 17.

(b) Coho salmon:

(i) Areas 7, 7A - October 10 to October 17.

(ii) Areas 12, 12B, and 12C: Release requirement pending pre-season management.

(c) Chum salmon:

(i) Area 6D - Prior to October 15.

(ii) Areas 7, 7A - Prior to October 10.

(iii) Areas 7B, 7C, and 7D - Prior to October.

(iv) Area 9A - Prior to October 10.

(v) Area 12A - At all times.

(d) Sockeye salmon:

(i) Areas 7B, 7C, 8, 8A, 8D, 9A, 10, 11, 12, 12B, and 12C - At all times.

(ii) Areas 7 and 7A retention may be allowed if authorized under the Fraser River Panel.

(4) All other saltwater and freshwater areas - Closed.

(5) Fishers must take department observers, if requested by department staff, when participating in these openings.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-13-053, filed 6/13/24, effective 7/14/24)

WAC 220-354-180 Puget Sound salmon—Reef net open periods. (1)

It is unlawful to take, fish for, or possess salmon taken with reef net gear for commercial purposes in Puget Sound, except in the following designated Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas, during the periods provided for in each respective area:

AREA	TIME	DATE(S)
7	5AM - 9PM Daily	((9/15-11/9)) 9/21 - 11/8

(2) It is unlawful ((at all times)) to retain ((unmarked)) the following salmon species taken with reef net gear within the following areas during the following periods:

(a) Chinook salmon ((taken with reef net gear, and it is unlawful to retain chum salmon taken with reef net gear prior to October 1.

(3) It is unlawful to retain marked Chinook after September 30.

(a)) - Area 7:

(i) Unmarked Chinook at all times.

(ii) Marked Chinook after September 30.

(iii) Marked Chinook retention may not exceed 300 fish through September 30.

(b) Coho salmon - Area 7:

(i) Unmarked coho after September 30.

(ii) Unmarked coho retention may not exceed 1,000 fish through September 30.

(iii) Marked coho retention may not exceed 1,000 fish after September 30.

(c) Chum salmon - Area 7:

(i) Prior to October 1.

(d) Sockeye salmon: All areas - At all times.

(e) All other saltwater and freshwater areas - Closed.

(3) Logbook requirements:

(a) It is unlawful to retain marked Chinook or unmarked coho salmon with reef net gear ((if)) unless the fisher ((does not have in his or her)) has in their immediate possession a department-issued Puget Sound Reef Net Logbook ((with)), and the following conditions are met:

(i) All retained Chinook must be accounted for by marked status in the logbook.

(ii) Marked Chinook are defined as those with a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the site of the clipped fin.

(b) ((It is unlawful to retain unmarked coho with reef net gear if the fisher does not have in his or her immediate possession a department-issued Puget Sound Reef Net Logbook with)) (i) All retained unmarked coho must be accounted for in the logbook.

(ii) Unmarked coho are ((those with)) defined as having an intact adipose fin.

(c) These logbook requirements apply only in the areas and time periods described in subsection (2) of this section.

(d) Completed logs must be submitted and received within six working days of the fishing activity to: Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Manager, Department of Fish & Wildlife, P.O. Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98504.

((4) All other saltwater and freshwater areas - Closed.))

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-13-053, filed 6/13/24, effective 7/14/24)

WAC 220-354-210 Puget Sound salmon—Beach seine—Open periods.

(1) It is unlawful to take, fish for, or possess salmon taken with beach seine gear for commercial purposes from Puget Sound except in the following designated Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Areas during the periods provided hereinafter in each respective Management and Catch Reporting Area:

All areas:

AREA	TIME	DATE(S)
12A:	7AM - 7PM	((8/26, 8/27, 8/28, 8/29, 8/30, 9/2, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5, 9/6, 9/9, 9/10, 9/11, 9/12, 9/13, 9/16, 9/17, 9/18, 9/19, 9/20, 9/23, 9/24, 9/25, 9/26, 9/27, 9/30, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3, 10/4)) Closed
12C, Hoodspout Hatchery Zone:	7AM - 7PM	((7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/3)) 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4 ((Additional)) July and August (dates ((determined per agreement with tribal co-managers in-season if harvestable surplus of salmon increase)). November (dates determined per agreement with tribal co-managers in-season if harvestable surplus of salmon remain).

(2) It is unlawful to retain the following salmon species taken with beach seine gear within the following areas during the following periods:

(a) Chinook salmon:

(i) Area 12A - At all times ((in Area 12A)).

(ii) Area 12C - 5,000 Chinook quota.

(b) Coho salmon: All areas - At all times.

10. (c) Chum salmon ((-In all areas)): Area 12C - Prior to October

((e)) (d) Sockeye salmon ((-At all times in)): Areas ((12,))
12A((,-12B,-)) and 12C - At all times.

(e) All other saltwater and freshwater areas - Closed.