PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE



2014-3 Week 34 Friday, August 15 at 3:00 p.m. [read by: Cynthia Burns]

Area 7 and 7A sockeye fisheries are controlled by the Fraser River Panel and not posted on this hotline. Fishers should call the National Marine Fisheries Service Hotline at 1-800-662-9825 to get opening information on Fraser Panel fisheries. Fishers are reminded that a department issued Fish Friendly certification card is required to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries.

For the week beginning Sunday August 17th all non-Fraser Panel controlled areas are closed except as follows:

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

Gillnets using 7-inch minimum mesh size: 7 PM Sunday, August 17th to 8 AM Monday, August 18th 7 PM Monday, August 18th to 8 AM Tuesday, August 19th 7 PM Tuesday, August 19th to 8 AM Wednesday, August 20th 7 PM Wednesday, August 20th to 8 AM Thursday, August 21st

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip: Wednesday August 20th from 6 AM to 9 PM. Purse seines must release all coho.

Area 12A (Quilcene Bay) will be open to:

Beach seines from 7 AM to 7 PM daily: Thursday August 21st Friday August 22nd Beach seines may only retain coho and must release all other species.

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please contact Kendall Henry, the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Manager, at 360-902-2717.