



**PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON  
FISHERIES HOTLINE  
(360) 902-2500**

2017-19, Week 44 update  
Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.  
[read by: Mark Baltzell]

**For the remainder of the week beginning Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> all areas are closed except as follows:**

**Area 6D (Dungeness Bay) will be open to:**

**Skiff gillnets** using 5-inch minimum mesh  
7 AM to 7 PM daily Monday October 30 through Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
All Chinook must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

**Areas 7/7A (San Juan Islands and Point Roberts) will be open to:**

**Reef Nets**

5 AM to 9 PM Daily through November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Must release all Chinook.

**Gillnets** using 6 ¼-inch minimum mesh size:

Tuesday, October 31 7AM to Midnight  
Wednesday, November 1 7AM to Midnight

**Purse seines** with a 5 inch strip:

Tuesday, October 31 7AM to 6PM  
Wednesday November 1 7AM to 6PM  
Recovery boxes are required and purse seines must release all Chinook and coho.

**Area 7B (Bellingham Bay) will be open to:**

**Gillnets** using 6 ¼-inch minimum mesh  
Continuously through midnight Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Purse seines** with a 5 inch strip

Continuously through 6 PM Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Must release all Chinook

**Area 8D (Tulalip Bay) will be open west of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point to:**

**Gillnets** using 5 inch minimum mesh  
7 AM – 7pm Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>  
7 AM Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7 PM Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Purse seines** with a 5 inch strip:

Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 6 PM  
Purse seines must release all Chinook.

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**Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay) will be open to:**

**Skiff gillnets** with nets not to exceed 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh, continuously through 7 PM Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. All Chinook must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

**Areas 10 & 11 (Seattle and Tacoma) will be open to:**

**Gillnets** using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:

5 PM Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> to 9 AM Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

5 PM Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9 AM Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Purse seines** with a 5 inch strip:

Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 6 PM

Purse seines must release all Chinook and coho.

WDFW staff met with co-managers today and increased the South Sound run-size to 600,000. Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon to discuss run-size updates and possible additional openings in week 44. Please check the hotline message for updates.

**Areas 12 & 12B (Hood Canal) will be open to:**

**Gillnets** using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:

Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 7 AM to 8 PM

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7 AM to 8 PM

**Purse seines** with a 5 inch strip:

Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 6 PM

Purse seines must release all Chinook.

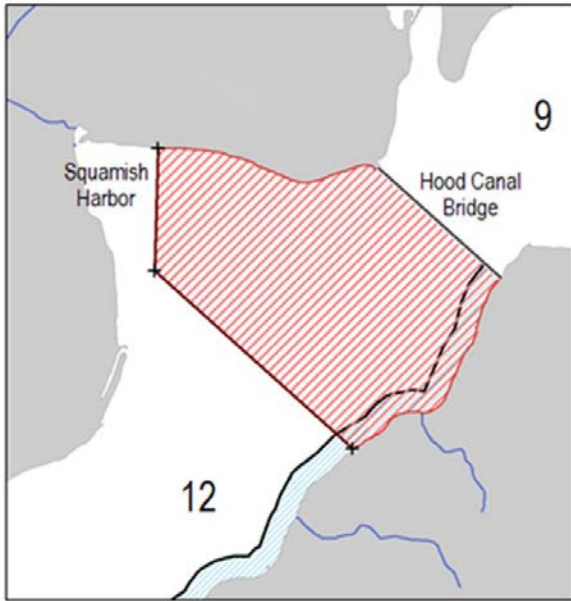
*Please note the area within 2 miles of the Hood Canal Bridge is closed to purse seines on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> and the portion of Area 12 from Hazel Point to the Area 12/12B line is open.*

Per pre-season agreements with the co-managers, the Hood Canal runsize will be updated after October 31. We do not anticipate changes to the week 44 schedule in Hood Canal but please check the hotline message for updates.

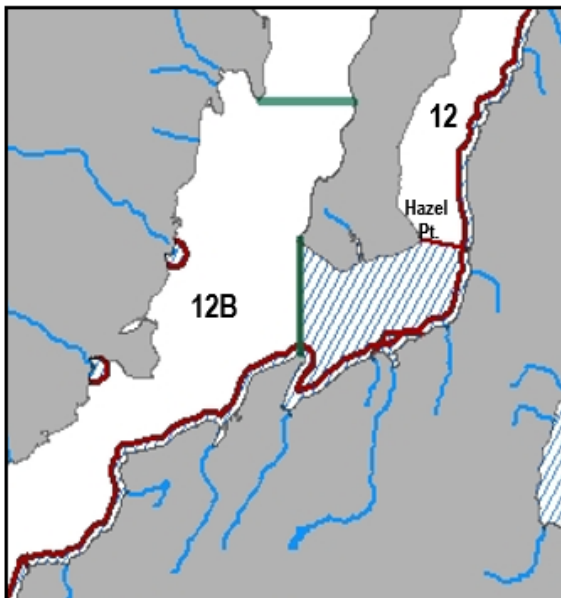
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**Area 12 Purse Seine Exclusion:** On October 24 and October 30, that portion of Area 12 within 2 miles of the Hood Canal Bridge, north and east of a line from  $47^{\circ}49'49.2''$  N and  $122^{\circ}38'22.2''$  W, then projected across the canal to a point at  $47^{\circ}51'8.7''$  N and  $122^{\circ}40'41''$  W, then projected true north to the shoreline.



**Purse Seine Coho/Chum Season Exclusion:** Purse seine openings during coho and chum seasons exclude those waters of Area 12 east of the Area 12/12B boundary and south of a line projected  $94^{\circ}$  true from Hazel Point to the light on the opposite shore, except this area is open to purse seines on October 24 and October 30.

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