



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

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2017-21, Week 44 update
Tuesday October 31st at 5:00 p.m.

[read by: Kwasi Addae]

Note: there are no changes to the fishing schedule for week 44 in South Sound or Hood Canal chum fisheries.

For the remainder of the week beginning Sunday October 29th 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 3rd

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 11th

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 4th

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip

Continuously through 6 PM Saturday, November 4th

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 31st

7 AM Thursday, November 2nd to 7 PM Friday, November 3rd

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Monday, October 30th 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 4th. 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 31st to 9 AM Wednesday, November 1st

5 PM Thursday, November 2nd to 9 AM Friday, November 3rd

WDFW staff met with co-managers today (10/31) and there has been no change to the South Sound chum fishing schedule for week 44. The estimated in-season runsize for South Sound remains at 600,000 chum. The next meeting with the co-managers is scheduled for Friday, November 4.

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

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:

Tuesday, October 31st from 7 AM to 8 PM

Thursday, November 2nd from 7 AM to 8 PM

WDFW staff met with co-managers today (10/31) and increased the Hood Canal runsize to 947,000. There has been no change to the Hood Canal fishing schedule for week 44. The next meeting with the co-managers is scheduled for Friday, November 4.

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