



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

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Week 34

Friday August 18 at 2:00 p.m.

[read by: Kwasi Addae]

Area 7 and 7A sockeye fisheries are controlled by the Fraser River Panel and are 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 20th all 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 20th to 8 AM Monday, August 21st.

7 PM Monday, August 21st to 8 AM Tuesday, August 22nd.

7 PM Tuesday, August 22nd to 8 AM Wednesday, August 23rd.

7 PM Wednesday, August 23rd to 8 AM Thursday August 24th.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday August 23rd from 6 AM to 8 PM.

Brailing is required and purse seines must release all coho.

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, is open continuously through 7 PM Saturday, November 4th. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 10 Limited Participation Pink Fishery:

All Puget Sound Commercial permit holders were mailed a limited participation entry form with information on how to pursue participation in these fisheries during the first week in June. The department has contacted all the boats selected for the fishery. In cases where the selected boat has chosen not to participate, we have contacted alternates. Department observers are required on board all vessels at all times while engaged in fishery. The fishery will close when 400 Chinook mortalities are reached.

Pink seasonal closure: Area 10 is closed east of a line from West Pt extending west to the closest mid-channel buoy then true through Pt Wells until reaching latitude 47°44'50", then directly east to the shoreline. Area 10 is also closed to purse seines within 500' of the eastern shore north of 47°44'50".

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

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/salmon/>

Purse seines:

Limited to boats selected for the limited participation fishery only.

Wednesday, August 23rd from 7 AM to 7 PM. Purse seines must release Chinook, chum, sockeye, and coho. Brailing or rolling wedge and recovery boxes are required and must be operational at all times.

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

Beach seines with nets not to exceed 990 feet in length and 200 meshes in depth using minimum 3-inch and maximum 4-inch mesh:

7 AM to 7 PM daily Monday August, 21th through Friday, August 25th.

Beach seines may only retain coho.