



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

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Week 41

Friday, October 5, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Fishers are reminded that a department issued **Fish Friendly certification card is required** to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries.

NOTICE: Chum test fisheries in Johnstone Strait have been tracking low and this could indicate that the Canadian Inside Southern chum run size is below the critical threshold of 1.0 million. Pursuant to the Pacific Salmon Treaty, the US cannot have chum directed fisheries in Areas 7/7A if the Inside Southern chum run size is below the 1.0 million critical threshold. At this time we have not received official notice from Canada that the run size is below 1.0 million and are scheduling 7/7A chum fisheries as planned. Please check the hotline on Tuesday, October 9 and prior to fishing for any updates on 7/7A chum.

For the week beginning Sunday, October 7, all areas are closed except as follows:

6D (Dungeness Bay) will be open to:

Skiff gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily:
Monday, October 8, through Friday, October 12. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

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

Reef Nets from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily:
Sunday, October 7 through Saturday, October 13. Release all Chinook.

Gillnets using 6 ¼-inch minimum mesh size:
7 a.m. to midnight on Thursday, October 11 and Friday, October 12. Recovery boxes are required and soak times are limited to 45 minutes from first mesh in to last mesh out. Gillnets must release all Chinook and coho.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:
7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 11 and Friday, October 12. Brailing of catch and recovery boxes are required. Purse seines must release all Chinook and coho.

7B (Bellingham Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh: Continuously through Saturday, November 3.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip: Continuously through Saturday, November 3.

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

Gillnets using 5 inch minimum mesh size:

6 p.m. Sunday, October 7 to 8 a.m. Monday, October 8;

6 p.m. Monday, October 8 to 8 a.m. Thursday, October 11; and

6 p.m. Thursday, October 11 to 8 a.m. Friday, October 12.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Monday, October 8 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Purse seines must release all Chinook.

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 Saturday, November 3. Release all Chinook.