



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

2018-13

Week 41

Monday October 8, 2018 at 12:30 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. We expect to receive official notice from Canada by Tuesday, October 9 regarding the latest run size update. 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.

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.