



**PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON
FISHERIES HOTLINE
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Week 41 update

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

NOTICE: WDFW received official notice this morning that Canada has determined that the current run size estimate of their Inside Southern chum 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 when the run size is below the 1.0 million critical threshold. At this time no future 7/7A chum fisheries are scheduled.

For the remainder of 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. Beginning October 10, must release all chum.

Gillnets Closed.

Purse seines Closed.

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

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.