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Week 41 update

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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**NOTICE: Areas 7/7A will open for chum this week.** The US received notice from Canada late today that they upgraded their run estimates to over the 1 million critical threshold. Per the Pacific Salmon Treaty this allows US to have chum fisheries in Areas 7/7A.

We anticipate the initial part of the fishery will be delayed by one day from the pre-season schedule with the first opening occurring on Friday and Saturday, closing Sunday and re-opening Monday. As notice from Canada was late in the day today, we are waiting until we have contacted all the tribal co-managers before officially announcing the schedule. We anticipate updating this message tomorrow morning once the schedule is finalized.

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

**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. May retain chum.

For **Gillnet** and **Purse seine** schedules, see notice at the beginning of this message.

**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. 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.

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