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

2018-18

Week 41 update

Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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**NOTICE: Areas 7/7A will open for chum.** On Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>, the US received notice from Canada that they upgraded their run size estimate to be above the 1 million critical threshold. Per the Pacific Salmon Treaty this allows US to have chum fisheries in Areas 7/7A.

**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.

**Gillnets** using 6 ¼-inch minimum mesh size:

7 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14. 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 Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14. Brailing of catch and recovery boxes are required. Purse seines must release all Chinook and coho.

The next scheduled 7/7A fisheries are on Tuesday October 16, Wednesday October 17 and will be included on the hotline update Friday, October 12.

**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. Thursday, October 11 to 8 a.m. Friday, October 12.

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Contact: Kendall Henry, Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Fisheries Manager, 360-902-2717.

**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.