



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

2018-03

Week 33

Thursday August 9th at 5:00 p.m.

[read by: Kwasi Addae]

Area 7 and 7A sockeye fisheries are controlled by the Fraser River Panel and are not posted on this hotline. Fishers should call the **National Marine Fisheries Service Hotline at 1-800-662-9825** to get opening information on Fraser Panel fisheries. Fishers are reminded that a department issued **Fish Friendly certification card is required** to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries.

For the week beginning Sunday August 12th all areas are closed except as follows:

Areas 7B (Bellingham Bay) and 7C (Samish Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 7-inch minimum mesh size:

7 PM Sunday, August 12th to 8 AM Monday, August 13th.

7 PM Monday, August 13th to 8 AM Tuesday, August 14th.

7 PM Tuesday, August 14th to 8 AM Wednesday, August 15th.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday August 15th from 6 AM to 8 PM.

Brailing is required and purse seines must release all coho.

Area 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, beginning 7 AM Sunday, August 12th and open continuously through 7 PM Saturday, November 3rd. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

That portion of Area 12C within 2,000 feet of the western shore between the dock at Glen Ayr Recreational Vehicle Park and the Hoodsport Marina dock, also referred to as the Hoodsport Hatchery Zone will be open to:

Beach seines with nets not to exceed 990 feet in length and 200 meshes in depth using minimum 3-inch and maximum 4-inch mesh:

7 AM to 7 PM daily, Monday August 13th and Wednesday August 15th

Beach seines must release all chum.

Participation is limited to those with a department issued beach seine permit and all rules and regulations associated with that permit remain in effect.

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please contact Mark Baltzell, the Puget Sound Salmon Fisheries Manager, at 360-902-2807.

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/salmon/>