

PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

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2018-21 Week 43

Friday, October 19, 2018 at 4:45 p.m.

Notice: Area 7/7A will close after Saturday, October 21 as previously announced. The U.S. received notice from Canada that the Fraser River Chum run is likely under 900,000 and per the Pacific Salmon Treaty, the U.S. must close Area 7/7A chum fisheries.

For the week beginning Sunday, October 21, 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 22, through Friday, October 26. All Chinook 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.

<u>Purse seines</u> with a 5 inch strip: Continuously through Saturday, November 3. Must release Chinook beginning October 22.

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:

- 5 p.m. Sunday, October 21 to 9 a.m. Monday, October 22;
- 5 p.m. Monday, October 22 to 9 a.m. Thursday, October 25; and
- 5 p.m. Thursday, October 25 to 9 a.m. Friday, October 26.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Monday, October 22 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.

Areas 10 & 11 (Seattle and Tacoma) will be open to:

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:

5 p.m. Tuesday, October 23 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, October 24

5 p.m. Thursday, October 25 to 9 a.m. Friday, October 26

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Monday, October 22 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Purse seines must release all Chinook and coho.

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Areas 12 & 12B (Hood Canal) will be open to:

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily: Tuesday October 23 and Thursday October 25:

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Monday, October 22 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Purse seines must release all Chinook.

Please note the Hazel Point/Misery Point area is closed to all gears.