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

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Week 34

Friday August 17 at 5:00 p.m.

[read by: Mark Baltzell]

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**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

7 PM Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

7 PM Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> to 8 AM Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

7 PM Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> to 8 AM Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Purse seines** with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, is open continuously through 7 PM Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

**Area 12A (Quilcene Bay) 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 Tuesday August, 21<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Beach seines may only retain coho.

**That portion of Area 12C within 2,000 feet of the western shore between the dock at Glen Ayr Recreational Vehicle Park and the Hoodspout Marina dock, also referred to as the Hoodspout 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:

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7 AM to 7 PM daily, Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>

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.

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