



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

2018-08

Week 38

Friday, September 14, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

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, September 16, 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 on:

Friday, September 21 and Saturday, September 22. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

7 (San Juan Islands) will be open to:

Reef Nets from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily:

Sunday, September 16 through Saturday, September 22.

Must release all chum, sockeye, unmarked coho, and unmarked Chinook. Immediate possession of a WDFW Logbook is required to retain Chinook.

7B (Bellingham Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh:

from 7 a.m. Sunday, September 16, to 7 a.m. Friday, September 21;

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily on:

Monday, September 17; Wednesday, September 19; Friday, September 21.

8A (Port Gardner): The following are limited participation fisheries subject to additional rules by the department. Fishers are required to carry on-board observers. Please check the annual regulations for the seasonal coho exclusion zones within Area 8A.

Open to the two selected gillnet vessels only, using 5-inch minimum mesh:

from 6 p.m. Wednesday September 19 to 8 a.m. Thursday September 20.

This message will be updated with the names of the vessels prior to fishing.

Open to the purse seine vessels Wisconsin and Cape Cheerful only, Monday September 17

from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Purse seines must release all chum and 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, is open continuously through 7 p.m. Saturday, November 3rd. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

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

12A (Quilcene Bay) will be open to:

Beach seines from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily:

Monday, September 17, through Friday, September 21

All Chinook and chum must be released.

A skiff gillnet opening is possible on Thursday, September 20 and is dependent on summer chum escapement. Please check the hotline message on Wednesday for updates.