

Proposed Puget Sound Marine Recreational Seasons 2019-20

Primary considerations for crafting recreational seasons:

- Continued low abundances in Wild Chinook stocks specifically low forecasted returns to the Stillaguamish and Mid-Hood Canal systems.
- Continued concerns for Orca Whale recovery and the need to provide additional prey and protection.
- Strait of Juan de Fuca Wild Coho and Snohomish River Wild Coho continue to be categorized as “overfished” and will require additional consideration when crafting seasons.

Fisheries modifications under consideration:

- Reduced time for directed Chinook in Marine Area 7.
- Directed Chinook fishery in Elliot bay
- Reduced summer quotas in areas with high wild stock impacts
- Reduced coho opportunity in the Everett Area (around the Snohomish).
- Increased coho opportunity in Areas that have been closed or had reduced opportunity in recent years.
- Moving Area 10 winter Chinook fishing later into the spring.
- Reduced Chinook size limit in South Sound and Hood Canal
- June Coho opportunity in Area 10

Management Unit	2019 Chinook Management Objectives	2019 Chinook Abundances with 2018 Puget Sound Fisheries (Tribal and Non-tribal) (Middle Ocean Option)
Nooksack Spring	10.5% SUS ER	11.1%
Skagit Summer/Fall	48% Total ER	39.0%
Skagit Spring-run	37.5% Total ER	31.9%
Stillaguamish River	24% Total / 8% SUS max	18.2%
Snohomish River	21% Total	17.4%
Lake Washington	500 Escapement (13% PT SUS)	15.1%
Green River	2,003 Escapement (13 PT SUS)	15.1%
White River Spring-run	22% SUS	18.2%
Puyallup	1,170 Escapement (13% PT SUS)	15.1%
Nisqually	49% Total (47% + 2% exp selective fishery)	51.0%
Skokomish fall-run	50% total	49.0%
Mid Hood Canal	12% PT SUS	13.8%
Dungeness	10% SUS	1.7%
Elwha	10% SUS	2.1%

Puget Sound Wild Management Units	2019 Adult Forecast Ocean Age 3	2019 Status under Fishery Management Plans	Total Exploitation Rate Ceiling	2019 Coho Abundances with 2018 Coho Fisheries inside Puget Sound (Middle Ocean Option)
Strait of Juan de Fuca	8,800	Critical	10% SUS	7.1%
Hood Canal	40,140	Low	45%	48.2%
Skagit	57,933	Low	35%	33.2%
Stillaguamish	23,820	Normal	50%	31.9%
Snohomish	62,200	Low	40% (or 50K Escapement)	33.1% and 42K Escapement
Thompson (Fraser Rv)	-	Low	10% SUS	10.1%