



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

2019-16

Week 42

Friday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE: The Canadian Inside Southern Chum Run estimates continue to track well below the critical threshold of 1 million Chum, based on the Johnstone Strait test fishery. Per Chapter 6 of the Pacific Salmon Treaty the U.S. has suspended chum fisheries in Areas 7/7A until further information from Canada. This hotline will be updated with any change to this status.

For the week beginning Sunday October 13, all areas are closed except as follows:

Area 6D (Dungeness Bay) will be open to:

Skiff gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh:

7 AM to 7 PM: Daily Monday, October 14 - Friday, October 18

All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 7 (San Juan Islands) will be open to:

Reef Nets

5 AM to 9 PM daily: Sunday, October 13 - Wednesday, October 16.

Reef Nets may retain Coho. Reef nets must release all Chum and Chinook.

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

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size:

Open continuously through Midnight, November 2

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Open continuously through 6 PM, November 2

Area 8D (Tulalip Bay west of a line from Mission Beach to Hermosa Point) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size:

5 PM Sunday, October 13 – 9 AM Monday, October 14

5 PM Monday, October 14 - 9 AM Thursday, October 17

5 PM Thursday, October 17 - 9 AM Friday, October 18

Purse seines with a 5-inch strip:

7 AM to 6 PM: Wednesday October 16. Purse seines must release all Chinook

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please 360-902-2717.

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

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 2. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

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

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:
5 PM Thursday, October 17 - 9 AM Friday, October 18

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:
7 AM – 6 PM, Wednesday, October 16. Purse seines must release all Chinook and Coho.

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

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:
7 AM - 8 PM, Thursday, October 17

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:
7 AM – 6 PM, Wednesday, October 16. Purse seines must release all Chinook.

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