



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

2021-05

Week 34

08/13/2021 – 11:30pm

For the week beginning Sunday August 15th 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:

Nightly 7PM to 8AM the following day:

Sunday, August 15

Monday, August 16

Tuesday, August 17

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip: Brailing is required, and purse seines must release all coho.

6 AM to 8 PM

Wednesday, August 18

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, October 30. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 10 Limited Participation Pink Fishery: All Puget Sound Commercial permit holders were mailed/emailed a limited participation entry form in June. The department has contacted all the boats selected for the fishery. WDFW Fishery Observers are required on board all vessels. The fishery will close when 300 Chinook mortalities are reached.

Gillnets using 4½ inch minimum and 5½ inch maximum mesh size: Gillnets must release all Chinook, coho, and chum.

7PM to 7AM the following day:

Monday, August 16

Participation limited to selected vessels.

Recovery Box, Short Soak (90min), and Observer Required.

Purse seines: Purse seines must release Chinook, coho, and chum.

7 AM to 7 PM

Tuesday, August 17

Participation limited to selected vessels.

Recovery Box, Brailing, and Observer Required.

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please 360-902-2677.

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

Pink seasonal closure: Area 10 is closed north of a line from West Pt. extending west to the Sierra Golf mid-channel buoy then east of a line extending true through Pt. Wells until reaching latitude 47°44'30". Area 10 is also closed to purse seines within 500' of the eastern shore north of 47°44'30".

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: Beach seines may only retain coho.

7 AM to 7 PM daily:
Friday, August 20

Area 12C, 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:

7 AM to 7 PM,
Thursday August 19
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.

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.