

2016 Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulations



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To Interested Parties,

The 2016 season structure for the Puget Sound commercial salmon season was defined during Pacific Fisheries Management Council process, North of Falcon (PFMC/NOF) public meetings, and additional tribal negotiations following these processes related to obtaining authorization for incidental take of ESA listed Puget Sound Chinook salmon. The following rules and regulations are a result of discussions involving state, tribal and federal fisheries management agencies; representatives of the commercial and recreational industries; and other interested parties. This pamphlet summarizes the agreed to schedules and rules for non-treaty Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries in 2016. Major management highlights for the 2016 season include:

Derelict Gear Reporting

- In 2012 the state passed a law making it mandatory for commercial fishermen to report lost nets to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. The regulations require any person who loses or abandons commercial net fishing gear to report it to the Department of Fish and Wildlife within 24 hours of loss. Derelict Gear Hotline: [1-855-542-3935](tel:1-855-542-3935)

Areas 7 and 7A (Fraser Fisheries)

- Purse seines are required to brail during **ALL** openings in Areas 7 and 7A, including chum openings, and in Areas 7B and 7C during Fraser Panel Control, which is expected to continue through September. Use of on board recovery boxes is required when brailing is required.
- Operators of all commercial salmon fishing gear types must complete a “fish friendly” workshop and be in possession of their certification card to participate in any salmon openings in Areas 7 and 7A, including chum openings. **Certification cards issued in 2004 – 2015 remain valid for 2016.**
- The chum fishery schedule is similar to recent years with set openings in the first week of the fishery and additional days may be scheduled depending on the inseason non-treaty harvest. The first opening is scheduled for October 10th, the earliest the fishery can open per the Pacific Salmon Treaty.
- During week 42 of the chum fishery in Areas 7 and 7A, Gillnets are required to limit soak times (first mesh in to last mesh out) to not exceed 45 minutes, use on board recovery boxes, and release all Chinook and coho.

Areas 8A and 8D

- Both Areas 8A and 8D are closed to protect weak coho stocks. Coho forecasts in the majority of Puget Sound are down for 2016 and stocks returning to these areas are not forecasted to meet escapement or hatchery egg take goals.

Area 7B -Hale Pass

- During the 2016 coho fishery in Area 7B there is no closure or special restrictions in the Hale Pass area. This is different from recent years where this area has been closed during a portion of September to protect Fraser coho stocks.

Beach Seines

- Four beach seine permits will again be issued in 2015 for use in the Area 12A coho season with possible chum openings in the Hoodspout Hatchery area. The selection process for issuing permits still follows the guidelines in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 220-47-427.
- Those with a beach seine permit (see above) will have the opportunity to participate in a limited Chinook beach seine fishery planned in the Hoodspout Hatchery Zone of Area 12C to harvest a portion of the non-treaty share of hatchery Chinook. The targeted harvest is 5,000 and the fishery will close if that number is reached. Schedules will be determined with the tribes prior to the season.

South Sound and Hood Canal Chum

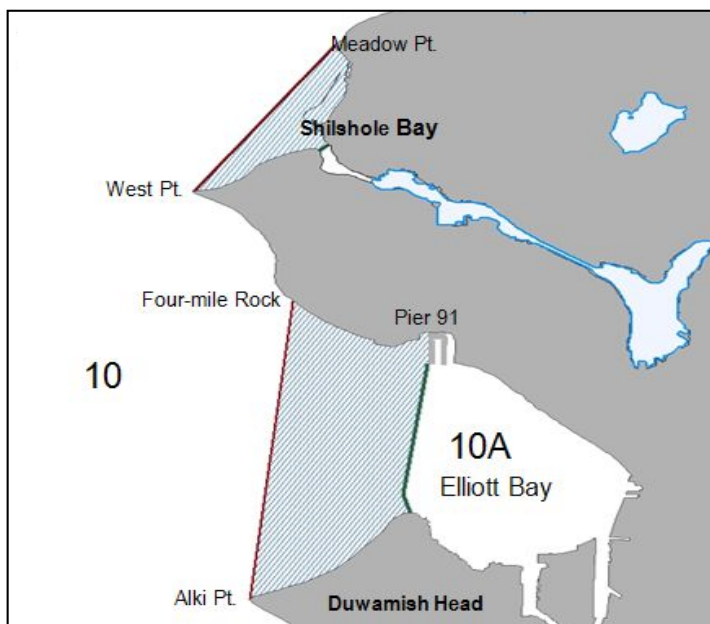
- The schedule for 2016 chum directed fisheries in Areas 10 & 11 (South Sound) and 12, 12B & 12C (Hood Canal) is similar to recent years with the following changes:
 - For both purse seine and gillnet gears, the fishery will begin in week 43, a week later than planned in recent years and is usually the first week of the chum fishery.
 - Purse seines are scheduled to be open 1 day per week for the first four weeks of the fishery.
 - Gillnets are scheduled to be open 2 days per week for the entire fishery.
 - Additionally purse seine area closures will apply near the Hood Canal Bridge in weeks 44 and 45.

Orca Vessel Rules

- In 2011 the Federal Government (NOAA Fisheries) released new protective regulations for Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed Killer Whales (Orcas). These rules prohibit vessels from approaching any killer whale closer than 200 yards and forbid vessels from intercepting a whale or positioning the vessel in its path. Exemptions to the rules apply to treaty Indian and commercial fishing vessel lawfully engaged in actively setting, retrieving, or closely tending fishing gear or transferring catch. The regulations do apply to all fishing vessels transiting to or from fishing.

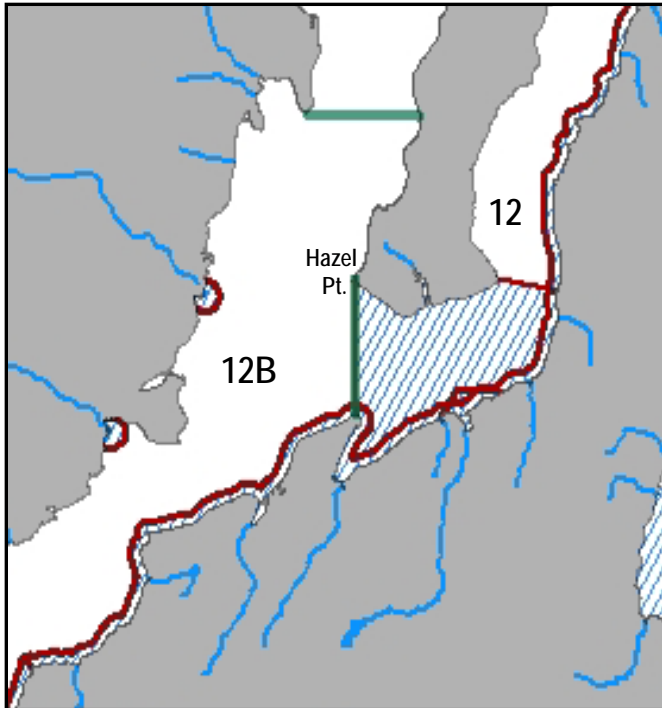
Exclusion Zones

(Note that these are only highlights of 2016 closures and a complete list of exclusion zones and area closures is included in this pamphlet beginning on page 22)

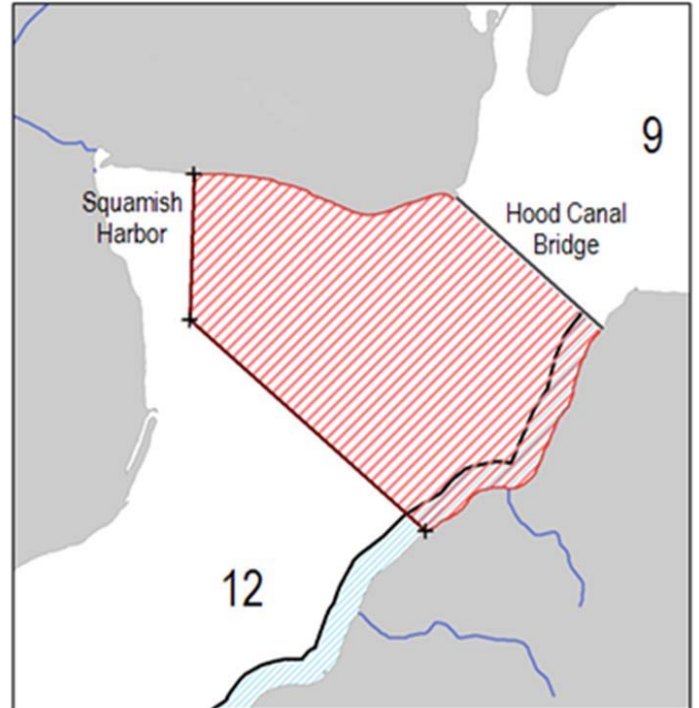


Area 10 Inseason Restriction:

During Area 10 coho or chum directed fisheries, closed in those waters of Elliott Bay east of a line projected from Alki Point to the light at Fourmile Rock.



Purse Seine Coho-Chum Season Exclusion: Purse seine openings during coho and chum seasons exclude those waters of Area 12 east of the Area 12/12B boundary and south of a line projected 94° true from Hazel Point to the light on the opposite shore, except this area is open to purse seines on October 24th and October 31st. Note: this area is open for gillnets.



Area 12 Purse Seine Exclusion: On October 24th and October 31st, that portion of Area 12 within 2 miles of the Hood Canal Bridge, north and east of a line from 47°49'49.2" N and 122°38'22.2" W, then projected across the canal to a point at 47°51'8.7" N and 122°40'41" W, then projected true north to the shoreline.

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PRESEASON RUNSIZE AND SEASON EXPECTATIONS

Tables on pages 2 and 3 show the 2016 forecasts, summaries of past run-sizes, catch, and days open for major non-treaty commercial fisheries. Pages 4 and 5 show the fishing schedule for Puget Sound all-citizen salmon fishing in 2016 based on negotiated preliminary pre-season fishery expectations only. Actual openings may differ from those shown in this document, as WDFW will respond in-season to evaluations of run-sizes, catch, and allocation. **In-season fishery changes are announced on the Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) hotline. Always review the information on the WDFW hotline at 360-902-2500 before going fishing.**

A copy of this pamphlet along with additional information such as weekly hotline messages or latest regulatory information may be obtained by visiting the Department of Fish & Wildlife web site at:

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

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Hotline

For the latest regulatory information including seasons and emergency changes, call the WDFW hotline at:

(360) 902-2500

Fraser Panel (NOAA Fisheries) Hotline:

(800) 662-9825

For information on fisheries directed at Fraser River origin sockeye salmon in the San Juan Islands, contact the NOAA Fisheries hotline. Additional information on Fraser River stocks (including test fishing results) can be found on the Pacific Salmon Commission's web site <http://www.psc.org> or by calling (604) 666-8200.

REPORTING DERELICT OR LOST GEAR

Lost or abandoned commercial gear must be reported to WDFW within 24 hours by calling the toll free derelict gear reporting hotline or by submitting the information using the online reporting system.

Derelict Gear Hotline:

1-855-542-3935

Online Reporting System:

<http://www.derelictgeardb.org/reportgear.aspx>

Table 1. 2016 Preliminary Preseason Run Size Forecasts Compared to the 2006-2014 Puget Sound Actual Run Sizes.

Region	Species	2016 Forecast	'06-'14 Average	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Dungeness	Pink	-	127,500	-	429,800	-	29,600	-	44,200	-	6,400	-
	Coho	3,000	8,200	7,000	7,800	12,600	15,700	2,900	18,800	1,200	5,900	1,600
Nooksack/ Samish	Chinook	27,900	33,700	29,300	39,200	41,600	40,900	41,200	25,600	28,800	25,900	30,400
	Pink	-	117,500	-	327,900	-	66,400	-	55,300	-	20,500	-
	Coho	37,800	78,600	90,600	131,000	86,400	86,300	124,800	58,500	36,700	61,900	31,600
Skagit	Chum	89,200	66,800	95,400	68,200	39,100	174,600	48,900	32,000	27,500	48,600	66,600
	Pink	-	1,173,600	-	1,620,600	-	1,306,400	-	1,461,500	-	306,000	-
Stillaguamish/ Snohomish	Chum	44,400	54,400	65,700	9,800	41,600	15,800	46,500	29,500	29,900	37,600	213,500
	Pink	-	2,333,700	-	3,435,200	-	1,125,200	-	3,369,400	-	1,404,800	-
South Sound	Coho	40,000	173,400	149,600	270,200	269,400	199,300	72,200	174,800	94,700	205,300	125,100
	Chum	32,900	130,800	64,300	23,700	40,000	61,600	109,400	37,700	125,100	235,800	480,000
	Pink	-	2,730,900	-	2,719,000	-	2,705,700	-	4,554,000	-	1,246,700	-
Hood Canal	Coho	37,000	189,900	147,400	213,300	315,400	148,700	58,300	220,300	192,500	190,200	222,700
	Chum	526,100	640,300	592,400	599,700	613,600	548,200	623,200	344,800	464,200	1,036,800	939,600
Hood Canal	Coho	118,800	94,500	69,900	87,200	164,900	120,700	43,300	104,300	69,400	108,800	81,800
	Chum	489,700	672,000	487,700	1,427,300	684,700	609,900	416,500	446,900	553,100	676,600	745,700

Notes: Run sizes are based upon hatchery and wild fish entering Puget Sound (Area 4B run size).
 Chum run sizes are fall chum components only, and can also be found on the WDFW website.
 2015 run sizes are not available at this time.

Table 2. 2006-2015 Puget Sound All-Citizen Commercial Fishing Days.

Region	Species	2015		2014		2013		2012		2011		2010		2009		2008		2007		2006	
		GN	PS	GN	PS	GN	PS	GN	PS	GN	PS	GN	GN	GN	PS	GN	PS	GN	PS	GN	PS
Dungeness	Coho	30	*	25	*	30	*	30	*	23	*	24	20	20	*	27	*	35	*	28	*
Nooksack/ Samish	Chinook	16	4	16	4	16	4	16	4	10	3	9	10	10	4	10	3	7	3	10	4
	Coho	45	41	45	41	45	41	45	41	45	39	43	45	45	37	41	39	41	39	45	45
	Chum	30	30	28	25	32	30	25	25	32	32	32	25	25	32	27	25	25	25	27	27
Skagit	Pink	3	3	*	*	5	5	*	*	4	4	*	*	*	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Chum	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12	12	*	2	1	11	6	15	6
Stillaguamish /Snohomish	Pink	3	3	*	*	4	4	*	*	4	4	*	*	*	4	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-8A	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	4	7	7	3	4	3	4	3	7	4
	Coho-8D	35	8	35	8	35	8	35	8	35	8	22	15	15	5	15	7	17	9	19	7
	Chum-8A	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	15	15	*	12	6	17	8	14	6
South Sound	Chum-8D	3	2	9	4	3	2	9	4	9	3	10	6	6	9	10	5	6	4	4	3
	Pink	5	5	*	*	4	4	*	*	3	3	*	*	*	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hood Canal	Chum	11	5	14	7	12	6	8	5	13	6	8	11	11	8	8	6	5	4	18	8
	Coho	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Coho-9A	77	*	77	*	70	*	70	*	70	*	70	66	66	*	65	*	65	*	65	*
	Coho-12A	*	*	*	*	1	*	5	*	2	*	*	4	4	*	5	*	6	*	4	*
Beach Seine	Chum	6	4	7	4	11	4	10	5	11	6	8	11	11	6	10	7	7	5	9	4
	Coho-12A	31		37		38		34		25		14		14							

* Indicates no directed Non-Treaty commercial fishery occurred.

Notes: GN = gillnet

PS = purse seine

Table 3. 2006-2015 Puget Sound All-Citizen Commercial Salmon Net Catch (round numbers¹).

Region	Species	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Dungeness	Coho	100	1,900	1,300	3,000	2,400	600	3,600	300	1,600	400
Area 7/7A	Chum	60,000	60,100	30,200	32,200	26,400	6,100	16,500	32,800	13,600	60,300
Nooksack/ Samish	Chinook	3,300	4,200	9,000	9,000	10,200	7,600	2,700	6,100	6,800	13,200
	Coho	1,300	2,700	18,400	13,000	17,700	16,000	6,600	4,500	5,400	6,200
	Chum	19,000	13,900	4,600	1,400	5000	3,300	300	800	2,500	17,400
Skagit	Pink	9,500	*	111,400	*	104,400	*	17,800	*	*	*
	Chum	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	500	400	22,900
Stillaguamish/ Snohomish	Pink	78,600	*	641,300	*	264,600	*	315,000	*	*	*
	Coho-8A	5	40	900	600	110	100	400	200	200	200
	Coho-8D	0	0	70	200	150	10	500	600	300	100
	Chum-8A	*	*	*	*	*	1,100	*	39,200	65,300	79,800
	Chum-8D	0	0	0	0	0	1,400	0	30	30	1,600
South Sound	Pink	25,200	*	87,000	*	40,000	*	86,700	*	*	*
	Coho ²	80	100	80	500	180	50	100	30	400	200
	Chum	223,500	195,100	225,000	268,600	200,600	209,600	110,700	127,900	309,400	342,100
Hood Canal	Coho ²	2,000	5,600	4,200	9,300	2,400	200	4,100	200	4,500	1,100
	Coho-9A	80	500	1,700	6,400	3,800	400	1,400	200	400	1,500
	Coho-12A	90	400	1,000	1,600	800	100	2,600	400	500	50
	Chum	257,600	276,700	649,400	269,900	230,500	194,800	167,300	248,000	288,900	353,700

Notes:
 Catch table includes Non-Treaty commercial salmon catch in Puget Sound terminal areas only (does not include pre-terminal, sport or prior interceptions).
 * Indicates no directed commercial fishery occurred.
¹ All catches over one hundred are rounded to the nearest one hundred while catches under are to the nearest ten.
² In recent years there have been no coho directed fisheries in South Sound or Hood Canal. Coho catches are from fish reported on tickets during the chum fisheries.

Table 4. 2006-2015 Puget Sound Tribal Commercial Salmon Net Catch in corresponding marine areas open to all-citizen Puget Sound commercial salmon permits and adjacent freshwater areas.

Region	Species	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Dungeness	Coho	200	1,400	700	2,300	2,600	700	2,900	400	1,700	400
Area 7/7A	Chum	65,400	86,900	50,200	40,800	44,000	17,600	7,800	42,600	13,700	46,300
Nooksack/ Samish	Chinook	8,600	8,200	14,600	16,000	14,300	11,600	8,700	13,100	11,100	12,400
	Coho	13,800	26,700	75,900	47,800	53,900	67,900	38,200	26,500	29,700	15,500
	Chum	21,200	18,800	14,700	16,400	45,000	14,900	5,200	10,000	24,600	19,900
Skagit	Pink	50,200	*	425,300	*	209,800	*	279,100	*	4,400	*
	Chum	1,600	1,400	1,300	4,600	1,200	6,100	2,500	6,900	16,900	83,200
Stillaguamish/ Snohomish	Pink	27,800	*	377,316	*	179,100	*	172,000	*	21,200	*
	Coho-8A	1,800	11,400	18,000	15,500	12,100	1,800	18,600	13,700	7,600	5,100
	Coho-8D	6,400	35,000	35,700	39,300	7,800	400	12,800	26,800	21,800	26,500
	Chum-8A	*	*	60	1,400	200	2,000	3,800	25,900	51,000	82,400
	Chum-8D	5,100	11,100	4,400	2,600	31,900	66,700	4,800	19,400	79,400	35,700
South Sound	Coho	11,100	55,500	85,000	132,230	42,500	25,800	105,100	111,500	85,000	144,100
	Chum	114,00	198,400	195,700	176,500	196,800	241,000	101,100	218,000	309,900	191,900
Hood Canal	Coho	4,800	22,000	17,400	57,200	51,900	13,700	31,800	21,300	23,800	35,300
	Coho-9A	200	3,200	6,600	12,100	11,700	4,600	7,700	3,400	7,400	8,800
	Coho-12A	500	500	13,500	7,100	4,400	5,100	15,500	14,300	12,600	15,200
	Chum	388,400	295,000	543,800	309,600	277,500	187,500	219,200	228,100	234,100	243,700

Notes:
 Catch table includes Treaty commercial salmon catch in Puget Sound and freshwater terminal areas only (does not include pre-terminal or prior interceptions).
 * Indicates no directed commercial fishery occurred.

Table 5. Weekly Open Periods by Management and Catch Reporting Areas, including Daily/Nightly Fishing Hours and Directed Species, for the 2016 Puget Sound All-Citizen Commercial Salmon Fishery as Agreed During the PFMC/North of Falcon Preseason Regulation Planning Process.¹

Mgt. Week	Week Begins	Gillnet		Purse Seine	Areas 7 & 7A			Area 7B ⁴		Area 8		Area 8A		Area 8D						
		Daily Hours ²	Nightly Hours ²	Daily Hours ²	MGT	GN ⁷	PS	RN ⁵		GN	PS		GN	PS		GN	PS			
30	17-Jul	6am-11pm	8pm-7am	6am-9pm																
31	24-Jul	6am-11pm	8pm-7am	6am-9pm	SO															
32	31-Jul	6am-11pm	8pm-7am	6am-9pm	SO															
33	7-Aug	6am-11pm	7pm-8am	6am-8pm	SO				CK	Su,M,T	W									
34	14-Aug	5am-11pm	7pm-8am	6am-8pm	SO				CK	Su,M,T,W	W									
35	21-Aug	5am-11pm	7pm-8am	6am-8pm	SO				CK	Su,M,T,W	W									
36	28-Aug	5am-11pm	7pm-8am	6am-8pm	SO				CK	Su-Th ¹⁶	W									
37	4-Sep	5am-11pm	7pm-8am	6am-8pm	SO				CO	Su-Th ¹⁶	M,W,F									
38	11-Sep	6am-10pm	6pm-8am	7am-7pm	CO				CO	Su-Th ¹⁶	M,W,F		CO	3	3					
39	18-Sep	7am-9pm	6pm-8am	7am-7pm	CO			Su-Sa	CO	Su-Sa ⁸	Su-Sa ⁹		CO	3	3	CO	3	3		
40	25-Sep	7am-9pm	6pm-8am	7am-7pm	CO			Su-Sa	CO	Su-Sa ⁸	Su-Sa ⁹		CO	3	3	CO	3	3		
41	2-Oct	7am-9pm	6pm-8am	7am-6pm	CM			Su-Sa	CO	Su-Sa ⁸	Su-Sa ⁹		CO	3	3	CO	3	3		
42	9-Oct	7am-8pm	5pm-9am	7am-6pm	CM	M,W,Th ⁶	M,W,Th ⁶	Su-Sa	CO	Su-Sa ⁸	Su-Sa ⁹		CM	3	3	CO	3	3		
43	16-Oct	7am-8pm	5pm-9am	7am-6pm	CM	M ⁶ -Sa	M ⁶ -Sa	Su-Sa	CO	Su-Sa ⁸	Su-Sa ⁹	CM	3	3	CM	3	3	CO	3	3
44	23-Oct	7am-7pm	5pm-9am	7am-6pm	CM	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	CM	Su-Sa ⁸	Su-Sa ⁸	CM	3	3	CM	3	3	CO	3	3
45	30-Oct	7am-7pm	5pm-9am	7am-6pm	CM	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	CM	M-F ^{10,11}	M-F ^{10,11}	CM	3	3	CM	3	3	CM	3	3
46	6-Nov	6am-6pm	4pm-8am	7am-5pm	CM	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	Su-Sa	CM	M-F ^{10,11}	M-F ^{10,11}	CM	3	3	CM	3	3	CM	3	3
47	13-Nov	6am-6pm	4pm-8am	7am-5pm	CM				CM	M-F ^{10,11}	M-F ^{10,11}	CM	3	3	CM	3	3	CM	3	3
48	20-Nov	7am-6pm	4pm-8am	7am-5pm	CM				CM	M-F ^{10,11}	M-F ^{10,11}							CM	3	3
49	27-Nov	7am-6pm	4pm-8am	7am-5pm																
50	4-Dec	8am-6pm	3pm-9am	8am-4pm																

This table represents PRELIMINARY preseason fishery expectations only; modifications to these expectations may occur inseason, as necessary for stock conservation and allocation. **Fishers should call the commercial fishing hotline at (360) 902-2500 to verify any opening before going fishing.**

■ = Hours TBD. Fisheries targeting Fraser River sockeye and pink stocks are under the control of the joint U.S./Canadian Fraser River Panel and openings are announced on the NOAA salmon fisheries hotline at (800) 662-9825

Fishing Days: M=Monday; T=Tuesday; W=Wednesday; Th=Thursday; F=Friday; Sa=Saturday; Su=Sunday.

Species:

- CK = Chinook
- CO = coho
- SO = sockeye
- CM = chum
- PK = pink
- MGT = Directed Management Species

Fishing Gears:

- RN = Reef Net
- GN = Drift Gillnet
- SK = Skiff Gillnet
- PS = Purse Seine
- BS = Beach Seine

Fishing Hours:

- < > = Daylight Gillnet Hours for days inside brackets
- = Days separated by dashes denote continuous hours (24 hours / day), except SK and BS gear and in Areas 7 and 7A fisheries.
- Single days or days separated by commas denote that daily/nightly fishing hours are in effect.

For additional restrictions and information on fishing gears, please refer to the specific gear sections of this pamphlet.

Gillnet Mesh Size Requirements:

- CK = 7" minimum mesh
- CO = 5" minimum mesh
- 60 mesh maximum depth in Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay)
- CM = 6¼" minimum mesh
- SO = 5" min., 5½" max. mesh
- PK = 5" min., 5½" max. mesh; (Area 10, 4 ½" min.)
- 60 mesh maximum depth in Area 8 (Skagit Bay)

Gillnet Restrictions:

- "Seabird Strip" required for Area s 7/7A sockeye fisheries.
- Gillnets release :
 - Chinook and coho in Area 7/7A October 10 through Oct. 15.
 - Chinook at all times in Areas 6D, 9A, and 12A.
 - Chum in Area 6D through October 15, Area 9A through September 30, and at all times in Area 12A.

Purse Seine Restrictions:

- 5-inch strip required in all except sockeye and pink fisheries.
- Purse seines must use brailer and recovery box at all times in Areas 7/7A and in Areas 7B/C prior to Fraser Panel relinquishing control.
- Purse seines release :
 - Chinook in all areas (except in Area 7B prior to Oct 22).
 - Coho at all times in Areas 7/7A, 10, 11, and prior to September 1 in 7B.
 - Chum in Areas 7/7A through September 30 and at all times in 8 & 8A.

Reef Net Restrictions:

- Reef nets release:
 - Unmarked coho and all chum through September 30.
 - Unmarked Chinook through September 30 and all Chinook after Sept 30.
 - Logbooks required for retention of marked Chinook (refer to page 16)
 - 300 marked Chinook cap for all gears.

Beach Seine Restrictions:

- Release all salmon except coho at all times in 12A and chum through Sept. 30 in 12C.

Late-Season Fisheries: Fisheries scheduled late in the season, especially those targeted at hatchery surplus, may be scheduled to open or close at any point during the week. Frequent contact with the hotline is advised. Also note that such late-season fisheries may include modifications necessary to achieve the desired harvest level; for example, shorter fishing hours, additional area restrictions, and/or limited participation.

Table 5. Continued

Mgt. Week	Week Begins	Area 10/11		Area 12/12B			Area 12C			Area 12A		Area 9A		Area 6D		Skiff Gillnet & Beach Seine Hours ²	
		GN	PS	GN	PS	CK	GN	PS	BS	SK	BS	SK ¹²	SK				
30	17-Jul							CK									
31	24-Jul							CK									7am-7pm
32	31-Jul							CK									7am-7pm
33	7-Aug							CK									7am-7pm
34	14-Aug							CK									7am-7pm
35	21-Aug							CK									7am-7pm
36	28-Aug							CK									7am-7pm
37	4-Sep	CO			CO												7am-7pm
38	11-Sep	CO			CO												7am-7pm
39	18-Sep	CO			CO												7am-7pm
40	25-Sep	CO			CO												7am-7pm
41	2-Oct	CO			CO												7am-7pm
42	9-Oct	CO			CO												7am-7pm
43	16-Oct	CM	Su,W ¹³	Th	CM	<M,W>	Th										7am-7pm
44	23-Oct	CM	T,Th	M	CM	<T,Th>	M										7am-7pm
45	30-Oct	CM	T,Th	M	CM	<T,Th>	M	CM	<T,Th>	M	14						7am-7pm
46	6-Nov	CM	Su,W	T	CM	<M,W>	T	CM	<M,W>	T	14						7am-7pm
47	13-Nov	CM	T ¹³ ,Th	M,W	CM	<T,Th>	M,W	CM	<T,Th>	M,W	14						7am-7pm
48	20-Nov	CM	Su,M	T	CM			CM	<M,W>	T	14						7am-7pm
49	27-Nov																7am-7pm
50	4-Dec																7am-7pm

Table Footnotes:

- \1 Openings are subject to change by emergency regulation in-season; Exclusion zones and in-season restrictions applicable to Puget Sound fisheries are described in WAC 220-47.
- \2 Hours are expressed in local time and use Pacific Standard and Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) as defined per WAC 220-47-310; the hours listed in Table 5 are in effect unless otherwise noted. Daytime fisheries ending on a Friday close at 4PM per RCW 77.50.010(1). Fraser Panel fishing times will differ from these hours. WAC 220-47-410 prohibits gillnet openings in the Fraser sockeye or pink fisheries between midnight and 1½ hours after sunrise, to provide protection to seabirds.
- \3 Fisheries cancelled or delayed to protect stocks of concern, per PFMC and North-of-Falcon pre-season agreements, opening possible per in-season run size adjustments.
- \4 Fishing days in Area 7C are scheduled for the same days as in 7B during weeks 33-36; Areas 7B and 7C may be restricted in the Chinook management period and Area 7B may be restricted in the coho management period to ensure hatchery escapement needs are met.
- \5 5AM - 9PM daily schedule for reef net gear.
- \6 Additional openings are possible for 7/7A chum on Saturday 10/15 and Sunday 10/16. The co-managers will hold a conference call on Friday 10/14.
- \7 Gillnets in Area 7/7A chum fisheries must use recovery boxes, release Chinook and coho, and limit soak time (first mesh in to last mesh out) for sets to not exceed 45 minutes in Areas 7 and 7A during week 42. Adjusted gillnet hours during Area 7/7A chum fisheries, 7AM-midnight.
- \8 Area 7B Gillnet open 24 hours per day from 7:00 AM 9/18 until midnight 10/29
- \9 Area 7B Purse seine open 24 hours per day from 7:00 AM 9/18 until 6 PM 10/29.
- \10 7B Whatcom Creek Zone (east of a line from Post Point to the flashing red light at the west entrance to Squalicum Harbor) is open 7 days per week during chum season beginning 10/31.
- \11 Open 24 hours per day from 'daily hours' start time on Monday until 4:00 PM on Friday.
- \12 Area 9A open 24 hours per day from 7AM 8/14 through - 7PM 10/29.
- \13 Adjusted gillnet hours in Areas 10/11, close at 7AM the following day.
- \14 Beach seine fishery (Hoodspout Hatchery Zone only) weeks 45 to 48 pending in-season management discussions.
- \16 Adjusted gillnet hours in Area 7B weeks 36-38, open 24 hours per day from 7:00 AM Sunday until 7:00 AM Friday.

2016 COMMERCIAL LICENSE INFORMATION

General license requirements and fees for Puget Sound commercial salmon fishing are included in this pamphlet, and available online at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/lic/commercial/limited_salmon.html
 For additional information on the subject of licensing, fishers are advised to contact the WDFW Licensing Division at (360) 902-2464 (select option 4).

LICENSE TYPES AND FEES

<u>LICENSE TYPE</u>	<u>RESIDENT</u>	<u>NON-RESIDENT</u>
Puget Sound Salmon gillnet	\$480*	\$785*
Salmon purse seine	\$630*	\$1085*
Salmon reef net	\$480*	\$785*
Non-Participation Renewal (Deadline 3 rd Monday in September)	\$115*	\$115*
	*Includes \$100 Surcharge	*Includes \$100 Surcharge
Emerging commercial fishery permit	\$185	\$295
Limited Participation pink fishery permit	\$250	\$250
Replacement fee for lost or destroyed license	\$20	\$20
Re-designation Fee to change designated vessel	\$35	\$35
Re-designation fee to change the designated operator	\$22	\$22

ADDITIONAL LICENSE INFORMATION

Limited entry licenses - No new commercial salmon licenses are being issued (i.e. no new licenses issued after May 6, 1974, only renewals).

Expiration date - licenses expire at midnight on December 31 of year for which issued.

License renewals:

- license renewal allowed only if license was held during the previous year, or
- license was acquired by transfer.
- non-participation renewal:
 - authorizes the holder of a salmon license to renew it for the following year but not to participate in the fishery during that calendar year. Call WDFW Commercial Licensing for more information, 360-902-2464.

No commercial fishing allowed - if no harvest opportunity occurs in fishery corresponding to the license:

- license requirement for that fishery for that year will be waived, or
- applicable license fees will be refunded upon return of the license.
- license will be renewed by verifying license was held in year prior to no harvest opportunity allowed.

License suspension - non-compliance with a support order will result in license being suspended.

License transfers:

- applicant must have signature of transferor notarized. Applicant who is descendant with legal certification supporting transfer may transfer license without signature notarization.

Liens on licenses - no security interest or liens, including tax liens, may be enforced on licenses.

VESSEL DESIGNATION

Commercial salmon fishing licenses may be issued whether applicant designates a vessel on the license or not, however no more than one vessel may be designated on a license at one time.

Vessel may not be designated on more than one license, unless licenses are for different fisheries.

License not valid for taking or delivering salmon unless a vessel is designated on the license.

Vessel substitutions:

Requirement for substitution of vessel designated on license:

- license holder must surrender previously issued license and annual decals to department
- must submit appropriately completed application along with \$35 fee.
- limitations on number of vessel substitutions (unless license holder owns all vessels identified on the application):
 - no more than once in any seven-day period.
 - maximum of four times per calendar year.

VESSEL REGISTRATION DECALS AND 10-INCH NUMBERS

- Two decals are issued by the department for vessel designated on any license.
 - permanent vessel registration number and a set of two decals are issued when the vessel is designated.
 - year decal is issued annually.
- decals must be affixed to the registered vessel:
 - in permanent manner.
 - clearly visible from each side of the vessel.
- vessels fishing commercially or delivering food fish must display in ten-inch tall numbers/letters of proportional width visible from each side of the vessel one of these:
 - official Coast Guard documentation number, or
 - complete state registration number, or
 - Alaska Department of Fish & Game registration number.

DESIGNATED AND ALTERNATE OPERATORS

Only the primary operator, or alternate operators listed on the license, may operate the vessel while fishing for or delivering salmon.

Businesses holding license may designate a primary operator and alternate operators:

- if a sole proprietorship business, the primary operator must be the sole proprietor.
- if a partnership, the primary operator must be a partner.
- if a corporation, the primary operator must be a corporate officer.

Number of alternate operators allowed:

- license holder may designate up to two alternate operators for the license.

License holders substituting designated operator:

- must surrender the fishery license card.
- re-designated operator must meet criteria for business-appointed designated operators (set forth below).
- must pay appropriate fee.

Requirements for alternate operators:

- alternate operators must possess an alternate operator's license.
- must be at least 16 years of age.
- no individual may possess more than one alternate operator's license.

Person designated as an alternate operator must possess an alternate operator's license.

An alternate operator's license alone does not allow an individual to operate a vessel or sell catch to a licensed wholesale dealer. Only those operators shown on the plastic card may operate the vessel in that fishery.

Holder of alternate operator's license may be designated as an alternate operator on an unlimited number of licenses.

Fee to change designation - fee of \$22 to change alternate operator designation on the license.

DEFINITIONS

- Authorized department representative:** any person employed by the department and performing department activities, or any other person under the direct supervision of an employee and who is performing department activities.
- Beach seine:** a fishing gear consisting of a lead line, cork line, auxiliary lines and a mesh net webbing fashioned in such a manner that it can be used to encircle fish in waters adjacent to any beach, with the catch landed directly on the beach.
- Bunt:** last portion of the purse seine net to be pulled aboard the catching vessel; designed to form the bag that holds the net's catch after the net is pursed.
- Drift Gillnet:** a gillnet of single web construction, not anchored, tied, staked, placed, or weighted in such a manner that it cannot drift.
- East Point Line:** a line projected from the low water range marker in Boundary Bay on the international boundary through the east tip of Point Roberts to the East Point Light on Saturna Island in the Province of British Columbia.
- Fish length measure:** the shortest distance between the extreme tip of the tail and the extreme tip of the snout or jaw, whichever extends the farthest, measured while the fish is lying in a prone and normal position.
- Initiative 77 line:** a line, created by the initiative process, defined in RCW 77.050.010, which regulates areas within Puget Sound where commercial salmon fishing may occur during designated time periods.
- Iwersen Dock Line:** a line projected from Iwersen Dock on Point Roberts to the Georgina Point Light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia.
- Mile:** Unless specified, any reference to "mile" means a nautical mile; a nautical mile is equal to 1,852 meters or approximately 6,076 feet.
- Net length measurement:** length of any net is defined as its measurement along the cork line.
- Net mesh measurement:** size of a mesh (except purse seine) defined as the distance between the inside on one knot to the outside of the opposite vertical knot of one mesh when the mesh is stretched vertically, while wet, by using a tension of ten pounds on any three consecutive meshes, then measuring the middle mesh of the three while under tension.
- Operate:** relative to vessel operation, it means to control the deployment or removal of fishing gear from state waters while aboard a vessel or to operate a vessel delivering food fish or shellfish taken in offshore waters to a port within the state.
- Purse seine:** a fishing gear consisting of a lead line, cork line, auxiliary lines, purse line, and purse rings and mesh webbing fashioned and used to encircle fish and prevent their escape under the bottom of the net by means of the purse line so that it forms a closed bag.
- Purse seine mesh size:** distance between the inside of one knot to the outside of the opposite vertical knot of one mesh. Minimum purse seine mesh size is met if a wedge of legal size can be passed without undue force through the mesh while wet.
- Reef net:** an open bunt square or rectangular section of mesh netting, suspended between two anchored boats, designed to impound salmon passing over the net when the net is raised to the surface. Leads must be floating at all times, except under stress of tidal conditions, and shall not be fixed to any pilings, nor shall the lead be constructed of any kind of mesh webbing. No principle of a fyke net or fish trap may be employed.
- Set net:** a gillnet which is anchored, tied, staked, laid in part on shore, or whose lead line is so heavily weighted that it cannot drift.
- Time:** all references to time in regulations shall be local time; (summer and fall) local time is Pacific Daylight if prior to first Sunday in November, and Pacific Standard Time during the first Sunday in November and thereafter.
- Trammel net:** a gillnet hung with two or more mesh webs substantially parallel to each other, suspended from a common cork line and having either one or several lead lines.

WHOLESALE FISH BUYING/SELLING/CATCH REPORTING

The information contained herein is not a complete summary of all laws and regulations pertaining to the commercial wholesale seafood industry. For actual language refer to the appropriate RCW and WAC regulations which can be found on the Internet at the WA. State Office of the Code Reviser:

<http://slc.leg.wa.gov/>

WHOLESALE FISH DEALER'S LICENSE

Wholesale fish dealer's license required for:

- commercial processing of food fish or processing of personal use food fish.
- business to engage in wholesale selling, buying, or brokering of food fish (not required of businesses buying exclusively from licensed wholesale dealers or selling solely at retail).
- fishermen to land and sell their catch to anyone other than a wholesale dealer within or outside the state, unless in possession of a Direct Retail Endorsement.
- a business to engage in commercial manufacture or preparation of fertilizer, of fertilizer, oil, meal, caviar, fish bait, or other byproducts from food fish or shellfish.
- a business which employs a fish buyer.

Private cultured aquatic products do not require wholesale fish dealer's license: if processing, wholesale selling, buying, or brokering private sector cultured aquatic products. Contact WDFW license division to be certain.

Annual license fee - fee for a wholesale dealer's license is \$250

Display of license - wholesale dealer's license must be displayed at business premises of holder.

WHOLESALE FISH DEALERS AND FISH BUYERS

Wholesale fish dealers are encouraged to obtain and consult the **WDFW "Wholesale Dealer and Broker Direct Retail Endorsement Information Guide"** A copy is available by calling (360) 902-2464. A brief summary of requirements is provided below.

Wholesale fish dealers:

- are responsible for documenting commercial harvest of food fish and shellfish.
- or their designees, are the only ones allowed to receive forms (fish receiving tickets) for accounting for commercial catch.
- require a performance bond, savings account assignment or certificate of deposit before they may take possession of food fish or shellfish. (Contact WDFW License Division for further details regarding performance bonds.)
- who are individuals may be fish buyers.
- may employ licensed fish buyers.
- shall not allow employees, not licensed as fish buyers, to use their license to buy fish or shellfish at wholesale.

Fish buyers:

- must possess a fish buyer's license to buy fish for a wholesale fish dealer.
- can represent only one wholesale fish dealer.
- license fee is \$95.

DIRECT RETAIL ENDORSEMENT

The Direct Retail Endorsement (DRE) option enables fishers to sell their catch of salmon, sturgeon and crab at temporary food service establishments or directly to restaurants or similar food service businesses.

- limited to natural persons (no businesses, etc.) who hold a commercial salmon or crab license
- requires letter from appropriate county health department and possession of food and beverage worker's permit
- must document catch on fish receiving ticket
- sales restricted to a temporary food service establishment or directly to restaurants or similar food service businesses.

Annual license fee – fee for a direct retail endorsement license is \$50

WHOLESALE FISH BUYING/SELLING/CATCH REPORTING

QUICK REPORTING INFORMATION

(WAC 220-69-240(14))

- All commercial purchases of salmon and sturgeon are designated as “quick reporting required”, dealers and fishers operating with a DRE must provide a summary of fish receiving tickets to the department by 10:00 a.m. of the day following purchase date.

Fish ticket summaries must include:

- dealer or DRE holder name, purchasing location, date of purchase, each fish ticket number (including alpha) used on the purchasing date, catch data for each fish ticket used including: Total number of days fished, gear type, catch area, species, number caught, and total weight for each species purchased. All take home fish not purchased (wholesale dealer) or sold (DRE) must also be reported.
- faxing individual fish tickets is preferred, but a summary report form may be downloaded from the web at:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial.html> or may be obtained by contacting (360)-902-2714.

Transmit Puget Sound commercial catch data by either:

FAX transmission to: **(360) 902-2949**

E-mail to: **psfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov**

Telephone to: **(866)-791-1279**

State copies of fish receiving tickets must be received here within **six (6)** working days:

**Department of Fish & Wildlife
600 Capitol Way N.
Olympia, Washington 98504-1091
Commercial Harvest Data Team
Fish Science 6th FL**

For further information on fish receiving tickets, contact WDFW License Division at (360) 902-2464.

FISH TICKETS AND SALE OF FISH

Sale or delivery of salmon - only the license holder, or licensed alternate operators designated on the license, may sell or deliver the fish.

Every delivery to a wholesale fish dealer must be recorded on a separate fish receiving ticket. Fishers with a Direct Retail Endorsement are required to complete fish receiving tickets.

It is unlawful to:

- use anything other than official state of Washington fish receiving ticket for reporting catch.
- misrepresent, falsify, or omit any required entry on a fish ticket.
- purchase salmon eggs without also purchasing all salmon taken by the fisher, including the salmon carcasses from which the eggs were removed.

Immediate completion of appropriate fish receiving ticket required of person originally receiving or purchasing the fish.

Employee, authorized by the wholesale fish dealer to receive or purchase fish at the dealer’s business location, may initiate and sign fish receiving tickets on behalf of the dealer.

- business or firm is responsible for accuracy and legibility of all documents initiated in its name.

Signatures on fish receiving tickets:

- deliverer of fish or holder of a Direct Retail Endorsement must sign fish receiving ticket, and signature is deemed to be certification of correctness of all entries on the ticket.
- original receiver of fish must sign the fish receiving ticket
- fish receiving tickets may not be signed prior to the wholesale purchase or landing of fish or shellfish.

If recording harvest from two or more catch areas on the same fish receiving ticket, then total number and pounds for each species caught, must be separated for each area on the fish receiving ticket.

GENERAL FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS

This section is a summary of both legislative (RCW) laws and administrative (WAC) rules regarding requirements and conduct of all-citizen (non-treaty) Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries. It is a synopsis of general rules affecting Puget Sound commercial salmon fishers, and is intended to offer commercial fishers vital information to assist them in their lawful commercial fishing operations. This summary does not list all rules or details of a number of extremely complicated topics (e.g. licensing).

POSSESSION AND RETENTION OF FISH

UNLAWFUL TO:

- Take, fish for, or possess salmon for commercial purposes in Puget Sound unless taken by specific rules adopted by the department.
- Take, fish for, possess, or transport food fish except at the times, places, and manner for the species, quantities, sizes, or sexes provided for in the department's regulations.
- Possess aboard a vessel any fish in a condition that its species, length, weight, or sex cannot be determined if there is a species, length, weight, or sex restrictions in effect.
- Fail to return to the water ***immediately, with the least harm possible***, small fish (under minimum size limits) or species not to be retained. Fish may be immediately placed in a working recovery box and then released after revival.
- Discard salmon that may be lawfully retained except those unmarketable due to pinniped predation.
- Use a fish pew, pitchfork, or other instrument that will penetrate the body while sorting commercial catches for fish not to be retained.
- Transport commercial quantities of salmon unless the person possesses a completed Washington commercial fish transportation ticket. Does not apply to:
 - salmon being transported in the catching vessel.
 - salmon purchased at retail, provided the purchaser possesses a sales receipt documenting the purchase.
 - salmon for which a fish receiving ticket has been completed.
 - hatchery carcass sales.
- Retain for personal use more than the equivalent of one daily sport bag limit for the area fished. If commercially caught salmon are retained for personal use the daily limit and possession limit also apply to crew members of the licensed fishing vessel.
- Retain incidental bottomfish unless those fish are lawful for commercial bottom-fishing gear during that same time and in that same area.
- Retain any rockfish caught with commercial fishing gear in Puget Sound.

LICENSES AND OPERATORS

UNLAWFUL TO:

- Take, or fish for salmon for commercial purposes in Areas 7 or 7A unless in immediate possession (on your person) of a Fish Friendly certification card demonstrating attendance of a Fish Friendly workshop.
- **Fail to cooperate with department personnel in carrying out their job duties, including:**
 - submission of gear for inspection.
 - inspection of catch for collection of sampling data.
 - collection of materials from fish (e.g., snouts containing coded-wire tags, scales, tissues for genetic stock identification).
 - board vessels engaged in commercial harvest to collect sampling data. (RCW 77.12.071)
- Fish for, harvest, deliver, or possess food fish unless first:
 - license holder has designated the vessel, and, in addition
 - the department has issued a license showing the vessel so designated, and, in addition
 - the vessel operator has the license in physical possession.
- Fail to make or return any report required by the department.
- For any individual, firm, or corporation to fail to show on demand fish tickets or sales documents to department employees or enforcement officers.
- Possess a fishery license card unless the bearer is the license holder or operator designated on the license.
- Fail to comply with all provisions in special permits, and unlawful to perform any act not authorized in any special permit issued by the department.
- Operate vessel while fishing or transporting catch unless license holder or alternate operators designated on that license.

GENERAL FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS

SALE OF SALMON

UNLAWFUL TO:

- Sell, purchase, or offer for sale or purchase salmon unless taken in a lawful season and fisher has a valid commercial fishing license in possession.
- Fail to account for all salmon taken under a commercial license on a commercial fish ticket.
- Sell salmon taken under a commercial license to anyone other than a wholesale fish dealer, unless the seller (license holder) is also a licensed wholesale fish dealer or has a Direct Retail Endorsement.
- Sell or barter salmon eggs unless all carcasses from which the eggs have been removed are sold to the same buyer.

GENERAL GEAR AND FISHING

UNLAWFUL TO:

- Fish for salmon for personal use from any vessel that has commercially caught salmon aboard.
- Fish for food fish while in possession of fish that don't meet the regulations for the area being fished (lawful for vessels to transport legally harvested food fish across waters where the catch would be unlawful to take or possess).
- Carry aboard a commercial fishing vessel a licensed net or combination of nets whether fished singly, or separately, in excess of the maximum size or length permitted for a single net in that area.
- Place commercial fishing gear in waters closed to commercial fishing, except reef net gear and gear being tested under supervision of the department.
- Bring a vessel, not licensed for salmon, into state waters unless all salmon fishing gear is stowed below deck or placed in a position so as to not be readily available for fishing.

RECOVERY BOXES

Recovery boxes may be required in fisheries with release requirements.

(see individual gear sections for information on when and where they are required)

When electing to or required to use a recovery box it shall be constructed and operated as follows:

- Each box and chamber shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. The flow in the recovery box will be a minimum of 16 gallons per minute in each chamber of the box, not to exceed 20 gallons per minute. Each chamber of the recovery box must meet the following dimensions as measured from within the box; the inside length measurement must be 48 inches, the inside width measurements must be 10 inches, and the inside height measurement must be 16 inches. Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water inlet hole between 3/4 inch and 1 inch in diameter, centered horizontally across the door or wall of chamber and 1 3/4 inches from the floor of the chamber. Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water outlet hole opposite the inflow that is at least 1 1/2 inches in diameter. The center of the outlet hole must be located a minimum of 12 inches above the floor of the box or chamber. The fisher must demonstrate to WDFW employees, fish and wildlife enforcement officers, or other peace officers, upon request, that the pumping system is delivering the proper volume of fresh saltwater into each chamber. Any fish that is bleeding or lethargic must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released.

PURSE SEINES

RELEASE OF INCIDENTALLY CAUGHT FISH:

Retention of the following salmon taken with purse seine gear is prohibited:

- Chinook at all times in Areas 7, 7A, 8, 8A, 8D, 10, 11, 12, 12B, 12C; and after Oct 20 in 7B.
- Coho at all times in Areas 7, 7A, 10, 11; and prior to Sept 1 in Area 7B.
- Chum at all times in Areas 8, 8A; and prior to Oct 10 in Areas 7 and 7A.

SALMON MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS:

- Chinook.....28 inches
- coho.....16 inches
- other salmon no minimum size

UNLAWFUL TO:

- Fish for salmon for commercial purposes in Area 7 and 7A unless the fisher has attended a fish friendly workshop and has a 'Fish Friendly Certification' card in their possession.
- Carry on deck or in skiff, extra lead or portion of a lead unless stowed below deck on the seine vessel during fishing operation.
- Allow salmon species that are unlawful to retain or undersized salmon to pass through a power block or onto a power reel or drum.
- Land salmon directly into the hold:
 - Must first land catch onto the deck, or sorting tray or table, with **hatch covers closed**.
 - May not open hatch covers and load catch below deck until release or placement in recovery box of all salmon that may not be retained is completed.

PURSE SEINE GEAR REQUIREMENTS:

Note: A purse seine considered to no longer be fishing once both ends of the net are attached to the primary vessel.

- Webbing Minimum Twine Size:
 - 210/30d nylon.
 - 12 thread cotton.
 - Equivalent diameter in any other material.
- Maximum Net Length:
 - 1800 feet along the cork line while wet.
 - Purse seine and lead combined may not exceed 2200 feet.
- Web of purse seine and lead may not:
 - Be lashed together to form one continuous piece of webbed gear.
 - Contain mesh of a size less than 3 ½ inches.

Purse Seine gear requirements continued...

- Bunt Dimensions / Restrictions:
 - Not more than 10 fathoms long.
 - Mesh size not less than 3½ inches.
- 5 Inch Strip Requirement:
 - Required in all areas, except not applicable during sockeye and pink salmon management.
 - Minimum mesh size of 5 inch stretch mesh.
 - Must be located in top 100 meshes of net (nearest the corkline) within 75 fathoms of bunt, but not in the bunt.
- Cork Line Bird Openings:
 - At least 4 sections required, each at least 12 inches in length (no corks or floats attached).
 - Location of bird openings:
 - One must be in bunt within 5 fathoms of seine net.
 - Other three must be at least 20 fathoms apart and within 75 fathoms of the bunt.

BRAILING OF CATCH REQUIRED in all openings in Areas 7 and 7A, and during openings under Fraser Panel control in Areas 7B and 7C:

- **An operational recovery box is required for the duration of fishing to participate in open areas where brailing is required.**
- Must use a brailer or dip net to remove all salmon from the seine net prior to removing seine net from the water.
 - Brailer made with rigid hoop, handle, and bag of web.
 - Bag to be opened by releasing a line running through rings attached to bottom of bag.
 - Bag must be soft knotless web with mesh not to exceed 2¼ inches (57 mm) measured along two contiguous sides of a single mesh.
 - Dip net must be a shallow bag of soft knotless web attached to a handle.
 - Fish may be brought on board the fishing vessel without using a brailer or dip net as specified above if the number of fish in the net is small enough that the crew can hand pull the bunt onto the vessel without the use of hydraulic or mechanical assistance.

GILLNETS

Salmon gillnet license is valid only in the geographic area for which it was issued. (Only Puget Sound gillnet licenses are valid in Puget Sound.)

RELEASE OF INCIDENTALLY CAUGHT FISH: Retention of the following salmon taken with gillnet and skiff gillnet gear is prohibited:

Chinook in Areas 7, 7A from 10/10 - 10/15; at all times in 6D, 9A, 12A; and in Area 10 prior to 10/1.

Coho in Areas 7, 7A from 10/10 - 10/18.

Chum in Areas 6D* through 10/15, 12A at all times and 9A* through 9/30.

*In Areas 6D and 9A, any salmon required to be released must be removed from the net by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

UNLAWFUL TO:

- Fish for salmon for commercial purposes in Area 7 and 7A unless the fisher has attended a fish friendly workshop and has a ‘Fish Friendly Certification’ card in their possession.
- Allow salmon species that are unlawful to through or onto a power reel or drum.
- Operate any gillnet unless marked with permanent identification:
 - Must include name and gillnet license number of fisher.
 - Must appear within five feet of each end of the net.
 - Must be marked in a visible, legible, and permanent manner.
 - May use buoy, float, or other form of marker, but must be visible on cork line.

GILLNETS MUST BE:

- attended at all times.
- operated substantially in a straight line (no circle setting, etc.).

GILLNET GEAR REQUIREMENTS:

BUOY REQUIREMENTS:

Two size A-3 RED buoys are required to be affixed at each terminal end of the cork line portion of any drift gillnet. Cork lines are also required to be marked every 50 fathoms with a size A-1 RED buoy.

- Maximum Net Length, drift gillnets:
 - 1,800 feet maximum length
 - May not contain mesh of a size less than 5 inches.

Drift Gillnets continued...

- Skiff gillnets:
 - 600 feet maximum length.
 - 90 mesh maximum depth, except in Area 9A where 60 mesh is the maximum depth.
 - May not contain mesh of a size less than 5 inches.
 - Must be retrieved by hand only (no hydraulics may be used).

AREAS 7/7A SOCKEYE OR PINK SALMON FISHERY REQUIREMENTS:

- “Bird web” required during participation in Area 7/7A sockeye or pink fisheries:
 - first 20 meshes below cork line must be 5 inch white opaque mesh.
 - mesh must be nylon twine of minimum 210/30d (#12) diameter.
- night time closure:
 - may not fish gillnet gear between 12:00 midnight to 1½ hours after sunrise.

AREAS 7&7A CHUM FISHERY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT DURING WEEK 42 (OCTOBER 10-15):

- Recovery boxes required.
- Soak time (first mesh in to last mesh out) not to exceed 45 minutes per set.
- Chinook and coho must be released.

GILLNET MESH RESTRICTIONS

<u>Target Species</u>	<u>Mesh Size Restrictions</u>
CHINOOK	7-inch minimum mesh
COHO COHO Area 9A	5-inch minimum mesh 60 mesh maximum depth (in addition to above mesh requirements).
PINK	5-inch minimum and 5 ½ maximum mesh
CHUM	6¼-inch minimum mesh
FRASER SOCKEYE	5-inch minimum and 5½ maximum mesh.

REEF NETS

REEF NET SALMON RELEASE REQUIREMENTS:

Release unmarked Chinook, unmarked coho and all chum through September 30 (unmarked are identified by an intact adipose fin). Release all Chinook after September 30.

REEF NET GEAR RESTRICTIONS:

- 300 mesh maximum on any side of the net.
- may not contain mesh of a size less than 3½ inches.

Leads:

- maximum of two leads.
- maximum of 200 feet in length (measured from bow of boats to nearest end of the head buoys)
- unlawful to use any false, detached, or auxiliary lead.

AREAS 7&7A MARKED CHINOOK RETENTION SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Cap of 300 unmarked for all gears.
- Logbooks required for retention. Logbook requirements:
 - Immediate possession of WDFW Logbook required for participation (contact Dept. to obtain).
 - Completed logs are to be submitted and received within **six (6)** working days of landing to:

**Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Manager
Department of Fish & Wildlife
600 Capitol Way North**

UNLAWFUL TO:

- set, maintain, or operate reef net gear that places the stern of any reef net boat within 800 feet in front of or behind the head buoys of any row of reef net gear.

BEACH SEINES

The Puget Sound beach seine salmon fishery is designated as an emerging commercial fishery for which a vessel is required. An emerging commercial fishery license and an experimental fishery permit are required to participate in this fishery.

BEACH SEINE GEAR RESTRICTIONS:

(see *Purse seine mesh size* in definitions section for mesh measurement).

- 990 foot maximum length.
- Maximum 200 mesh depth.
- May not contain mesh size of less than 3 inches or greater than 4 inches.
- Webbing minimum twine size:
 - 210/30d nylon.
 - 12 thread cotton.
 - equivalent diameter in any other material.

Net mesh measurement - see *Purse seine mesh size* in definitions section.

RELEASE OF INCIDENTALLY CAUGHT FISH:

Retention of the following salmon taken with beach seine gear is prohibited:

- In area 12A, release all species except coho.
 - It is unlawful to retain all salmon species, except coho, at all times in this area.
- In area 12C (Hoodsport Hatchery Zone):
 - It is unlawful to retain chum prior to October 1.
 - It is unlawful to retain Chinook after September 17.

TESTING COMMERCIAL FISHING GEAR

In accordance with WAC 220-20-123 it is unlawful to test commercial gear, except:

- must obtain authorization from department by **contacting the department's Enforcement Office in Olympia PRIOR** to test by calling:(360) 902-2936 (select option 6).
- within designated areas and times:
 - gear may be tested only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
 - designated sites are:
 - Bellingham Bay - inside and north of a line from Governor's Point to the south tip of Eliza Island to Point Frances in waters 10 fathoms and deeper.
 - Boundary Bay - north of a line from Birch Point to Point Roberts and south of the international boundary in waters 10 fathoms and deeper during times not under Fraser Panel control.
 - San Juan Channel - within a 1 mile radius of Point Caution during times not under Fraser Panel control.
 - Port Angeles - inside and west of a line projected from the east tip of Ediz Hook through buoy C "1" to the mainland.
 - Port Gardner - within a 2 mile radius of the entrance of Everett breakwater in waters 10 fathoms and deeper.
 - Central Puget Sound - between lines from Meadow Point to Point Monroe and Skiff Point to West Point in waters 50 fathoms and deeper.
 - East Pass - between lines from Point Robinson true east to the mainland and from Dash Point to Point Piner in waters 50 fathoms and deeper.
 - Port Townsend - westerly of a line from the Coast Guard station in Port Townsend to Walan Point to Kala Point in waters 10 fathoms and deeper.
- Sets limited to 20 minutes exclusive of setting and retrieving time.
- Incidentally caught fish and shellfish must be returned to the water immediately.
- No fish or shellfish may be retained aboard the vessel at any time during the test.

PINNIPED DETERRENTS

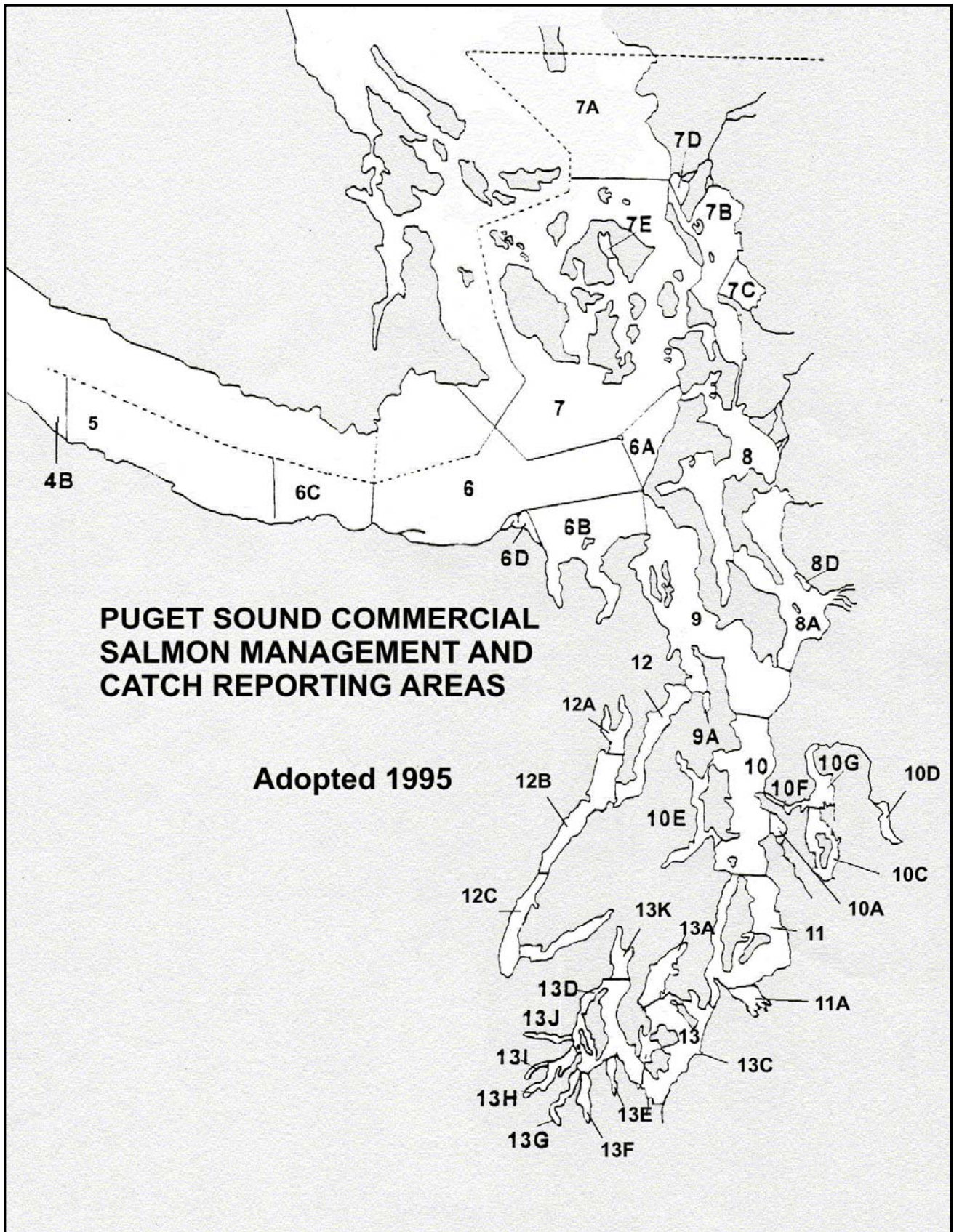
[Marine Mammal Protection Act, Sec. 101 - Moratorium and exceptions](#)

(For the full text of the Marine Mammal Protection Act please check online.)

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) Amendments of 1994, specifically section 101(a)(4), provided new authority to citizens of the United States to deter marine mammals from: Damaging fishing gear and catch; damaging private property; endangering public safety; or damaging public property so long as such measures do not result in the death or serious injury of a marine mammal.

Commercial fishers wishing to use deterrents should contact commercial fishing or agricultural supply stores for information on seal control devices (see picture) and shell crackers.





PUGET SOUND SALMON MANAGEMENT AND CATCH REPORTING AREAS (WAC 220-22-030)

AREA 4B shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected from the Bonilla Point light on Vancouver Island to the Tatoosh Island light, thence to the most westerly point on Cape Flattery and westerly of a line projected true north from the fishing boundary marker at the mouth of the Sekiu River.

AREA 5 shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected true north from the fishing boundary marker at the mouth of the Sekiu River and westerly of a line projected true north from Low Point.

AREA 6 shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected from the Angeles Point Monument to the William Head light on Vancouver Island, northerly of a line projected from the Dungeness Spit light to the Partridge Point light, westerly of a line projected from the Partridge Point light to the Smith Island light, and southerly of a line projected from the Smith Island light to vessel traffic lane buoy "R" to the Trial Island light.

AREA 6A shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected from the Partridge Point light to the Smith Island light to the most northeasterly of the Lawson Reef lighted buoys (RB 1 Qk Fl Bell) to Northwest Island to the Initiative 77 marker on Fidalgo Island and westerly of a line projected from Reservation Head on Fidalgo Island to West Point on Whidbey Island.

AREA 6B shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of a line projected from the Dungeness Spit light to the Partridge Point light, westerly of a line projected from the Partridge Point light to the Point Wilson light and easterly of a line projected 155 degrees true from Dungeness Spit light to Kulakala Point.

AREA 6C shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected true north from Low Point and westerly of a line projected from the Angeles Point Monument to the William Head light on Vancouver Island.

AREA 6D shall include those waters of Puget Sound westerly of a line projected 155 degrees true from Dungeness Spit light to Kulakala Point.

AREA 7 shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of a line projected true east-west through Sandy Point Light No. 2 (48 degrees, 47.2 minutes north latitude, 122 degrees, 42.7 minutes west longitude, as per U.S. Coast Guard Light List No. 19880), northerly of a line projected from the Trial Island light to vessel traffic lane buoy "R" to the Smith Island light to the most northeasterly of the Lawson Reef lighted buoys (RB 1 Qk Fl Bell) to Northwest Island to the Initiative 77 marker on Fidalgo Island, and westerly of a line projected from Sandy Point Light No. 2 to Point Migley, thence along the eastern shoreline of Lummi Island to Carter Point, thence to the most northerly tip of Vendovi Island, thence to Clark Point on Guemes Island following the shoreline to Southeast Point on Guemes Island, thence to March Point on Fidalgo Island, excluding those waters of East Sound northerly of a line projected due west from Rosario Point on Orcas Island.

AREA 7A shall include those waters of Puget Sound northerly of a line projected true east-west through Sandy Point Light No. 2 (48 degrees, 47.2 minutes north latitude, 122 degrees, 42.7 minutes west longitude, as per U.S. Coast Guard Light List No. 19880), terminating on the west at the international boundary and on the east at the landfall on Sandy Point.

AREA 7B shall include those waters of Puget Sound westerly of a line projected 154 degrees true from Sandy Point Light No. 2 (48 degrees, 47.2 minutes north latitude, 122 degrees, 42.7 minutes west longitude, as per U.S. Coast Guard Light List No. 19880) to the landfall on Gooseberry Point, easterly of a line projected from Sandy Point Light No. 2 to Point Migley, thence along the eastern shoreline of Lummi Island to Carter Point, thence to the most northerly tip of Vendovi Island, thence to Clark Point on Guemes Island following

the shoreline to Southeast Point on Guemes Island, thence to March Point on Fidalgo Island, northerly of the Burlington Northern railroad bridges at the north entrances to Swinomish Channel, westerly of a line projected from William Point light on Samish Island 28 degrees true to Whiskey Rock on the north shore of Samish Bay, and westerly of the Whatcom Creek mouth, defined as a line projected approximately 14 degrees true from the flashing light at the southwest end of the Port of Bellingham North Terminal to the southernmost point of the dike surrounding the Georgia Pacific treatment pond.

AREA 7C shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected from William Point light on Samish Island 28 degrees true to Whiskey Rock on the north shore of Samish Bay.

AREA 7D shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected 154 degrees true from Sandy Point Light No. 2 (48 degrees, 47.2 minutes north latitude, 122 degrees, 42.7 minutes west longitude, as per U.S. Coast Guard Light List No. 19880) to the landfall on Gooseberry Point, and south of a line projected true east from Sandy Point Light No. 2 to the landfall on Sandy Point.

AREA 7E shall include those waters of Puget Sound within East Sound northerly of a line projected due west from Rosario Point on Orcas Island.

AREA 8 shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected from West Point on Whidbey Island to Reservation Head on Fidalgo Island, westerly of a line projected from the light on East Point 340 degrees true to the light on Camano Island (Saratoga Pass light #2, Fl Red 4 Sec) southerly of the Burlington Northern railroad bridges at the north entrances to Swinomish Channel and northerly of the state Highway 532 bridges between Camano Island and the mainland.

AREA 8A shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected from the East Point light on Whidbey Island 340 degrees true to the light on Camano Island (Saratoga Pass light #2, Fl Red 4 Sec), northerly of a line projected from the southern tip of Possession Point 110 degrees true to the shipwreck on the opposite shore, southerly of the state Highway 532 bridges between Camano Island and the mainland excluding those waters of area 8D.

AREA 8D shall include those waters of Puget Sound inside and easterly of a line projected 225 degrees from the pilings at old Bower's Resort to a point 2,000 feet offshore, thence northwesterly to a point 2,000 feet off Mission Point, thence across the mouth of Tulalip Bay to a point 2,000 feet off Hermosa Point, thence northwesterly following a line 2,000 feet offshore to the intersection with a line projected 233 degrees from the fishing boundary marker on the shore at the slide north of Tulalip Bay.

AREA 9 shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly and easterly of a line projected from the Partridge Point light to the Point Wilson light, northerly of the site of the Hood Canal Floating Bridge, northerly of a line projected true west from the shoreward end of the Port Gamble tribal dock on Point Julia to the mainland in the community of Port Gamble, excluding those on-reservation waters of Hood Canal north of Port Gamble Bay to the marker at the north end of the Port Gamble Indian Reservation, southerly of a line projected from the southern tip of Possession Point 110 degrees true to the shipwreck on the opposite shore and northerly of a line projected from the Apple Cove Point light to the light at the south end of the Edmonds breakwater at Edwards Point.

AREA 9A shall include those waters of Puget Sound known as Port Gamble Bay southerly of a line projected true west from the shoreward end of the Port Gamble tribal dock on Point Julia to the mainland in the community of Port Gamble and those on-reservation waters of Hood Canal north of the Port Gamble Bay to the marker at the north end of the Port Gamble Indian Reservation.

AREA 10 shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of a line projected from the Apple Cove Point light to the light at the south end of the Edmonds breakwater at Edwards Point, westerly of a line projected 233 degrees true from the Azteca Restaurant near Shilshole Marina through entrance piling No. 8 to the southern shore of the entrance to the Lake Washington Ship Canal, westerly of a line projected 185 degrees

true from the southwest corner of Pier 91 through the Duwamish Head light to Duwamish Head, northerly of a true east-west line passing through the Point Vashon light, easterly of a line projected from Orchard Point to Beans Point on Bainbridge Island, and northerly and easterly of a line projected true west from Agate Point on Bainbridge Island to the mainland.

AREA 10A shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected 185 degrees true from the southwest corner of Pier 91 through the Duwamish Head light to Duwamish Head.

AREA 10C shall include those waters of Lake Washington southerly of the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge.

AREA 10D shall include those waters of the Sammamish River south of the state Highway 908 Bridge and Lake Sammamish.

AREA 10E shall include those waters of Puget Sound westerly of a line projected from Orchard Point to Beans Point on Bainbridge Island and southerly and westerly of a line projected true west from Agate Point on Bainbridge Island to the mainland.

AREA 10F shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected 233 degrees true from the Azteca Restaurant near Shilshole Marina through entrance piling No. 8 to the southern shore of the entrance to the Lake Washington Ship Canal and those waters of the Lake Washington Ship Canal westerly of a line projected from Webster Point true south to the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge including the waters of Salmon Bay, the Lake Washington Ship Canal, Lake Union, and Portage Bay.

AREA 10G shall include those waters of Lake Washington northerly of the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge, easterly of a line projected from Webster Point true south to the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge and those waters of the Sammamish River north of the state Highway 908 Bridge.

AREA 11 shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of a true east-west line passing through the Point Vashon light, northerly of a line projected 259 degrees true from Browns Point to the landfall on the opposite shore of Commencement Bay, and northerly of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.

AREA 11A shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of a line projected 259 degrees true from Browns Point to the landfall on the opposite shore of Commencement Bay.

AREA 12 shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of the site of the Hood Canal Floating Bridge and northerly and easterly of a line projected from the Tskutsko Point light to Misery Point.

AREA 12A shall include those waters of Puget Sound northerly of a line projected from Pulali Point true east to the mainland.

AREA 12B shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of a line projected from Pulali Point true east to the mainland, northerly of a line projected from Ayock Point true east to the mainland, and westerly of a line projected from the Tskutsko Point light to Misery Point.

AREA 12C shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of a line projected from Ayock Point true east to the mainland and northerly and westerly of a line projected from Ayres Point to the public boat ramp at Union.

AREA 12D shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of a line projected from Ayres Point to the public boat ramp at Union.

AREA 13 shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and a line projected from Green Point to Penrose Point and northerly and easterly of a line projected from the Devil's Head light to Treble Point, thence through lighted buoy No. 3 to the mainland and westerly of the railroad trestle at the mouth of Chambers Bay.

AREA 13A shall include those waters of Puget Sound northerly of a line projected from Green Point to Penrose Point.

AREA 13C shall include those waters of Puget Sound easterly of the railroad trestle at the mouth of Chambers Bay.

AREA 13D shall include those waters of Puget Sound westerly of a line projected from the Devils Head light to Treble Point, thence through lighted buoy No 3 to the mainland, northerly of a line projected from Johnson Point to Dickenson Point, northerly of a line projected from the light at Dofflemeyer Point to Cooper Point, easterly of a line projected from Cooper Point to the southeastern shore of Sanderson Harbor, easterly of a line projected from the northern tip of Steamboat Island to the light at Arcadia to Hungerford Point and southerly of a line projected true east-west through the southern tip of Stretch Island.

AREA 13E shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of a line projected from Johnson Point to Dickenson Point.

AREA 13F shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of a line projected from the light at Dofflemeyer Point to Cooper Point.

AREA 13G shall include those waters of Puget Sound southerly of a line projected from Cooper Point to the southeastern shore of Sanderson Harbor.

AREA 13H shall include those waters of Puget Sound southwesterly of a line projected from the northern tip of Steamboat Island to the light at Arcadia and those waters easterly of a line projected 64 degrees true from Kamilche Point to the opposite shore.

AREA 13I shall include those waters of Puget Sound southwesterly of a line projected 64 degrees true from Kamilche Point to the opposite shore.

AREA 13J shall include those waters of Puget Sound northwesterly of a line projected from the light at Arcadia to Hungerford Point.

AREA 13K shall include those waters of Puget Sound northerly of a line projected true east-west through the southern tip of Stretch Island.

EXCLUSION ZONES AND IN-SEASON AREA RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES

Area Exclusion Zone/restriction (see footnotes for source)

Areas 4B, 5, 6, 6B, 6C Exclusion: Closed in the Strait of Juan de Fuca Preserve, defined in WAC 220-47-266 as “those waters and tributaries of the Strait of Juan de Fuca within three miles from shore between a line projected 30° true from a point three miles west of the Sekiu River mouth to a line projected 45° true from a point three miles east of the Dungeness River mouth, excluding the waters of Area 6D”.¹

Area 6D Exclusion:

Closed within 1/4 mile of each mouth of the Dungeness River.¹

Area 7 Exclusions:

(1) The San Juan Island Preserve as defined in WAC 220-47-262. Shall include those waters of Puget Sound lying inside the following lines: A line projected from Decatur Island Light across Lopez Pass to Lopez Island, a line projected from Fauntleroy Point on Decatur Island through Lawson Rock to Blakely Island; a line projected from Deer Point on Orcas Island across Spindle Rock to Blakely Island; a line projected from Limestone Point on San Juan Island to the northernmost point of Jones Island thence 90° true to Orcas Island; a line projected from Reef Point on San Juan Island to the southernmost point of Shaw Island; and a line projected from Flat Point on Lopez Island to the most westerly point on Canoe Island, thence true north to the shoreline of Shaw Island, excluding the waters of Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7E.¹

(2) Those waters within 1,500 feet of shore on Orcas Island from Deer Point northeasterly to Lawrence Point thence west to a point intercepting a line projected from the northernmost point of Jones Island thence 90° true to Orcas Island.¹

(3) Those waters within 1,500 feet of the shore of Cypress Island from Cypress Head to the northernmost point of Cypress Island.¹

(4) Those waters easterly of a line projected from Iceberg Point to Iceberg Island, to the easternmost of Charles Island, then true north from the northernmost point of Charles Island to the shore of Lopez Island.¹

(5) Those waters northerly of a line projected from the southernmost point of land at Aleck Bay to the westernmost point of Colville Island, thence from the easternmost point of Colville Island to Point Colville.¹

(6) Those waters easterly of a line projected from Biz Point on Fidalgo Island to the Williamson Rocks light, thence to the Dennis Shoal Light, thence to the light on the westernmost point of Burrows Island, thence to the southwestern most point of Fidalgo head, and including those waters within 1,500 feet of the western shore of Allan Island, those waters within 1,500 feet of the western shore of Burrows Island, and those waters within 1,500 feet of the shore of Fidalgo Island from Fidalgo Head northerly to Shannon Point.¹

(7) Additional Fraser sockeye and pink seasonal closure: Those waters within 1,500 feet of the shore of Fidalgo Island from the Initiative 77 marker northerly to Biz Point.¹

(8) Those waters within 1,500 feet of the eastern shore of Lopez Island from Point Colville northerly to Lopez Pass, and those waters within 1,500 feet of the eastern shore of Decatur Island from the southernmost point of land northerly to Fauntleroy Point, and including those waters within 1,500 feet of the shore of James Island.¹

Area 7A Exclusion:

Closed in the Drayton Harbor Salmon Preserve, defined in WAC 220-47-252 as “all the waters of Drayton Harbor and tributaries thereto lying inside and easterly of a line projected from Semiahmoo Spit to the Blaine Boat Haven Dock.”¹

In-season Area Restriction: Waters north and west of the area 7A “East Point Line” (a line projected from the low water range marker in Boundary Bay on the International Boundary through the east tip of Point Roberts in the state of Washington to the East Point light on Saturna Island in the Province of British Columbia) or “Iwersen Dock Line” (a line projected from Iwersen Dock on Point Roberts to the Georgina Point light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia) may be open or closed depending upon Pacific Salmon Commission-Fraser Panel management criteria.²

Area 7B Exclusion:

Closed in that portion south and east of a line projected from William Pt. on Samish Island to Saddlebag Island to the southeastern tip of Guemes Island, and that portion northerly of the railroad trestle in Chuckanut Bay.¹

Lummi Reservation closure: That portion of Bellingham Bay and Portage Bay adjacent to Lummi Indian Reservation is closed north and west of a line from the intersection of Marine Drive and Hoff Road (48°46'59"N, 122°34'25"W) projected 180° true for 2.75 nautical miles (nm) to a point at 48°45'11"N, 122°34'25"W, then 250° true for 1.4 nm to a point at 48°44'50"N, 122°35'42"W, then 270° true for 1.4 nm to 48°44'50"N, 122°37'08"W, then 230° true for 1.3 nm to 48°44'24"N, 122°37'52"W, then 200° true for 1 nm to 48°43'45"N, 122°38'12"W, then 90° true for 1 nm to a point just northeast of Portage Island (48°43'45"N, 122°37'14"W), then 160° true for 1.4 nm to a point just east of Portage Island (48°42'52"N, 122°36'37"W).¹

Area 7C Exclusion:

Closed southeasterly of a line projected from the mouth of Oyster Creek 237° true to the fishing boundary marker on Samish Island.¹

Area 7E In-season Area Restriction:

Any openings, which may occur, are anticipated to exclude those waters east of a line projected from Tongue Pt. to Juniper Pt. to the point immediately south of Juniper Pt. The specific area restriction will be announced in-season.³

Area 8 Exclusion:

(1) Closed in that portion easterly of a line projected from Brown Pt. on Camano Island to a white monument on the easterly point of Ika Island, thence across the Skagit River to the terminus of the jetty with McGlinn Island.¹

(2) Those waters within 1,500 feet of the western shore of Camano Island south of a line projected true west from Rocky Point.¹

Area 8A Exclusions:

(1) Closed in those waters northerly of a line projected from Camano Head to the northern boundary of area 8D.¹

(2) Closed in those waters southerly of a line projected from the Clinton ferry dock to the Mukilteo ferry dock prior to October 3.¹

Additional coho seasonal closure: Closed in those waters easterly of a line projected from Mission Point to Buoy “C1” (excluding the waters of area 8D), thence through the green light at the entrance jetty of the Snohomish River, and across the mouth of the Snohomish River to the landfall on the eastern shore, except this area is open during pink directed fisheries.¹

Area 8D Exclusion:

Closed in those waters easterly of a line projected from Mission Point to Hermosa Point.¹

Area 9 Exclusion:

Closed in those waters lying inside and westerly of a line projected from the Point No Point Light to the Sierra Echo buoy thence to Forbes Landing Wharf east of Hansville. ¹

Area 10 Exclusions:

(1) Closed in that portion easterly of a line projected from Meadow Pt. to West Pt. ¹

(2) Closed in those waters of Port Madison westerly of a line projected from Point Jefferson to the northernmost portion of Pt. Monroe. ¹

Coho and Chum Seasonal Closure: During area 10 coho-directed fisheries, closed in those waters of Elliott Bay east of a line from Alki Point to the light at Fourmile Rock and those waters northerly of a line projected from Point Wells to "SF" Buoy, then west to President's Point. ¹

Additional In-season chum Area Restrictions: During area 10 chum-directed fisheries, closed in those waters of Port Madison west of a line projected 178° true from the light at the end of Indianola Dock to the landfall on the south shore of Port Madison. ²

Pink Seasonal Closure: The area east inside of the line originating from West Point and extending west to the closest mid-channel buoy, thence true through Point Wells until reaching latitude 47°44'500"N, thence extending directly east to the shoreline.

Additional Purse Seine Pink Seasonal Closure: The area within 500 feet of the eastern shore in Area 10 is closed to purse seines north of latitude 47°44'500"N.

Area 10E Exclusion:

Closed in those waters of Liberty Bay north of a line projected due east from the southernmost Keyport dock, those waters of Dyes Inlet north of the Manette Bridge, and those waters of Sinclair Inlet southwest of a line projected true east from the Bremerton ferry terminal. ¹

Area 11 Exclusion:

(1) Closed northerly of a line projected true west from the light at the mouth of Gig Harbor and closed south of a line from Browns Pt. to the northernmost point of land on Point Defiance. ¹

(2) The tidelands and the water over those tidelands of the South 239th Street and City of Des Moines Park in the city of Des Moines are closed to all harvest (WAC 220-16-700). Closed in that portion of Colvos Passage south of Sunrise County Park enclosed by a line starting at the extreme low water line on the western shore at 47°20'87"N and extending out due east 200 feet, thence southwesterly paralleling the shore for 500 feet, thence due west to the extreme low water line (WAC 220-16-730).

Area 11 Coho Seasonal Closure¹: Closed south of a line projected from the light at the mouth of Gig Harbor to the Tahlequah Ferry Dock then south to the Point Defiance Ferry Dock, and also closed south of a line projected from the Point Defiance Ferry Dock to Dash Point. ¹

Areas 12, 12B, and 12C Exclusion:

Those waters within 1,000 feet of the eastern shore. ¹

Area 12 Exclusions:

Closed in those waters inside and easterly of a line projected from Lone Rock to the navigational light off Big Beef Creek, thence southerly to the tip of the outermost northern headlands of Little Beef Creek. ¹

Additional Area 12 purse seine chum seasonal closures:

(1) Those waters of Area 12 east of the Area 12/12B boundary and south of a line projected 94° true from Hazel Point to the light on the opposite shore are closed to purse seines except this area is open to purse seines on October 24 and October 31. ¹

(2) Those waters within two miles of the Hood Canal Bridge are closed to purse seines on October 24 and October 31. ¹

Area 12A Exclusions:

(1) Closed in that portion north of a line projected due east from Broad Spit. ¹

(2) Closed those waters within 1,000 feet of the mouth of the Big Quilcene River. ¹

Area 12B Exclusions:

(1) All area 12B fisheries exclude those waters within a 1/4-mile radius of the mouths of the Dosewallips, Duckabush, and Hamma Hamma Rivers and Anderson Creek. ¹

(2) Closed in those waters within a line from Waketickeh Creek perpendicular to the shore for 500 yards then parallel to shore northeast 1,700 yards, thence back to shore along a line perpendicular to shore (WAC 220-16-740).

Area 12C Exclusions:

(1) Closed in that portion within 2,000 feet of the western shore between the dock at Glen Ayr RV Park and the Hoodsport Marina Dock. ¹ Also referred to as the Hoodsport Hatchery Zone. (Note this area may open to beach seines only by emergency regulation).

(2) Closed in those waters southerly of a line projected from the Cushman Powerhouse to the public boat ramp at Union; and closed in those waters within 1/4 mile of the mouth of the Dewatto River. ¹

(3) Closed in those waters on the western shore of Hood Canal known as Octopus Hole within a line projected due east from shore at 47°27'01"N for 200 yards, thence southerly parallel to shore for 628 yards, thence due west to the shore (WAC 220-16-550).

Area 13A Exclusion:

Closed in those waters of Burley Lagoon north of State Route 302, and in those waters within 1,000 feet of the outer oyster stakes off Minter Creek Bay including all waters of Minter Creek Bay, and in those waters westerly of a line projected due north from Thompson Spit at the mouth of Glen Cove, and in those waters within 1/4 mile of Green Point. ¹

¹ **Exclusion zones and Seasonal Closures** are closed areas that are defined in WAC 220-47-307.

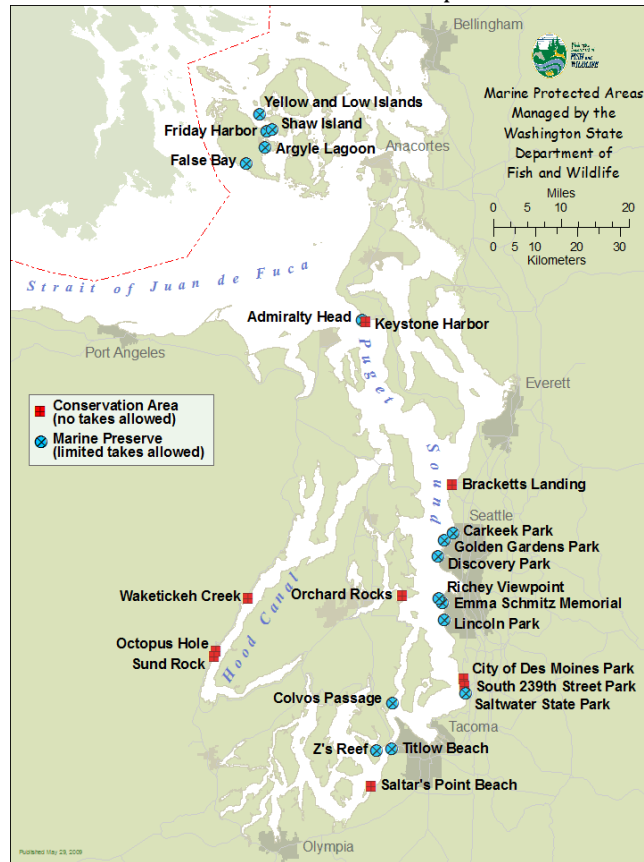
² Area 7A "East Point Line" and "Iwersen Dock Line" are defined in WAC 220-47-269.

³ **Inseason area restrictions** are temporary closures placed into effect through emergency WAC to provide protection for specific stocks, or to provide for a more orderly fishery.

PUGET SOUND CONSERVATION AREAS

It is unlawful to fish for or possess food fish taken from a conservation area defined in Chapter 220-16 WAC including:

- San Juan Island Marine Preserve Area
- Admiralty Head Marine Preserve
- Keystone Conservation Area
- Brackett's Landing Shoreline Sanctuary Conservation Area
- Carkeek Park Marine Preserve
- Golden Gardens Park Marine Preserve
- Discovery Park Marine Preserve
- Richey Viewpoint Marine Preserve
- Emma Schmitz Memorial Marine Preserve
- Lincoln Park Marine Preserve
- Orchard Rocks Conservation Area
- Waketickeh Creek Conservation Area
- Octopus Hole Conservation Area
- Sund Rock Marine Preserve
- City of Des Moines Park Conservation Area
- South 239th Street Park Conservation Area
- Saltwater State Park Marine Preserve
- Colvos Passage Marine Preserve
- Titlow Beach Marine Preserve
- Zee's Reef Marine Preserve
- Saltar's Point Beach Conservation Area.

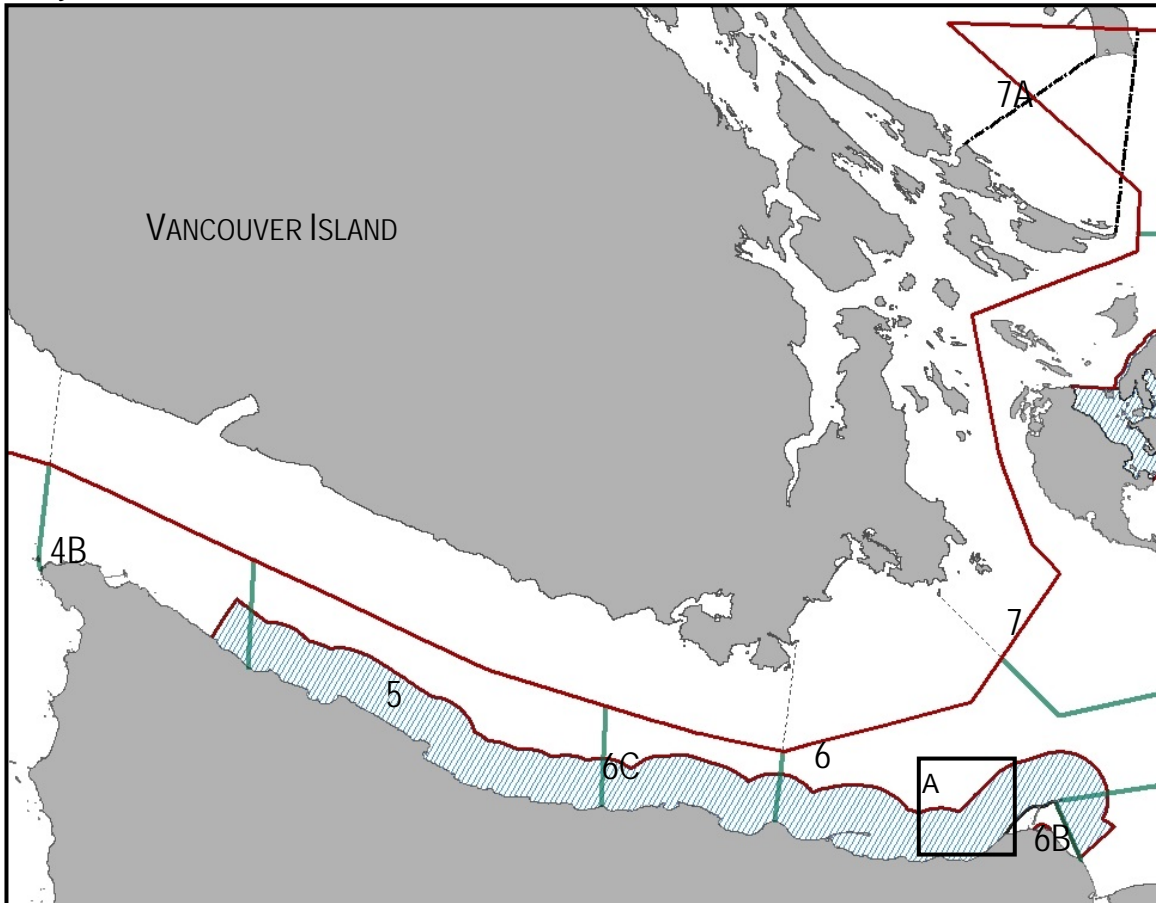


Artificial Fishing Reef Locations: Artificial fishing reefs have been constructed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide recreational anglers access to a wide variety of fishes. Fishers should avoid these areas, to avoid unnecessary gear loss. These reefs may not be marked with buoys. Please exercise caution when setting gear in the vicinity of these reefs and other known obstructions. Underwater surveys, particularly at the Blake Island and Misery Point reefs, revealed severe gillnet entanglement which is detrimental not only to people who fish but to many fishes, birds, and mammals as well.

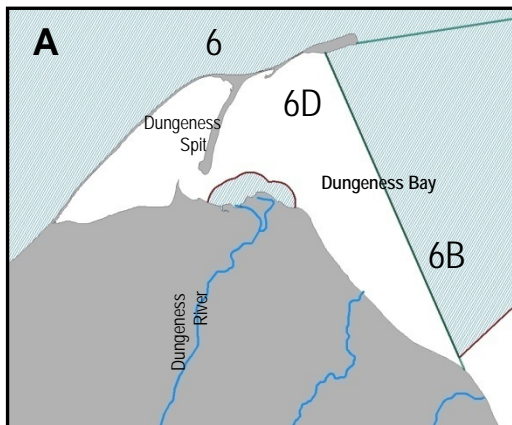
<u>Area</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
8	Onamac Point	1,000 ft. north of Onamac navigational light	48° 11' 09"N	122° 32' 17"W
8A	Gedney Island	3,000 ft. south of southern tip of Gedney Island	47° 59' 58"N	122° 18' 37"W
10	The Trees	2.1 miles south of Point Wells	47° 41' 56"N	122° 23' 12"W
10	Blake Island	800 ft. south of the southern tip of Blake Island	47° 31' 43"N	122° 29' 30"W
10	Alki	1.2 miles south of Alki Point	47° 33' 23"N	122° 24' 26"W
11	Point Heyer	1,000 ft. southeast of KVI radio tower on the point	47° 25' 13"N	122° 25' 40"W
12/12B	Misery Point	600 ft. north of the Misery Point navigational light	47° 39' 28"N	122° 49' 49"W

EXCLUSION ZONES AND IN-SEASON AREA RESTRICTIONS MAPS

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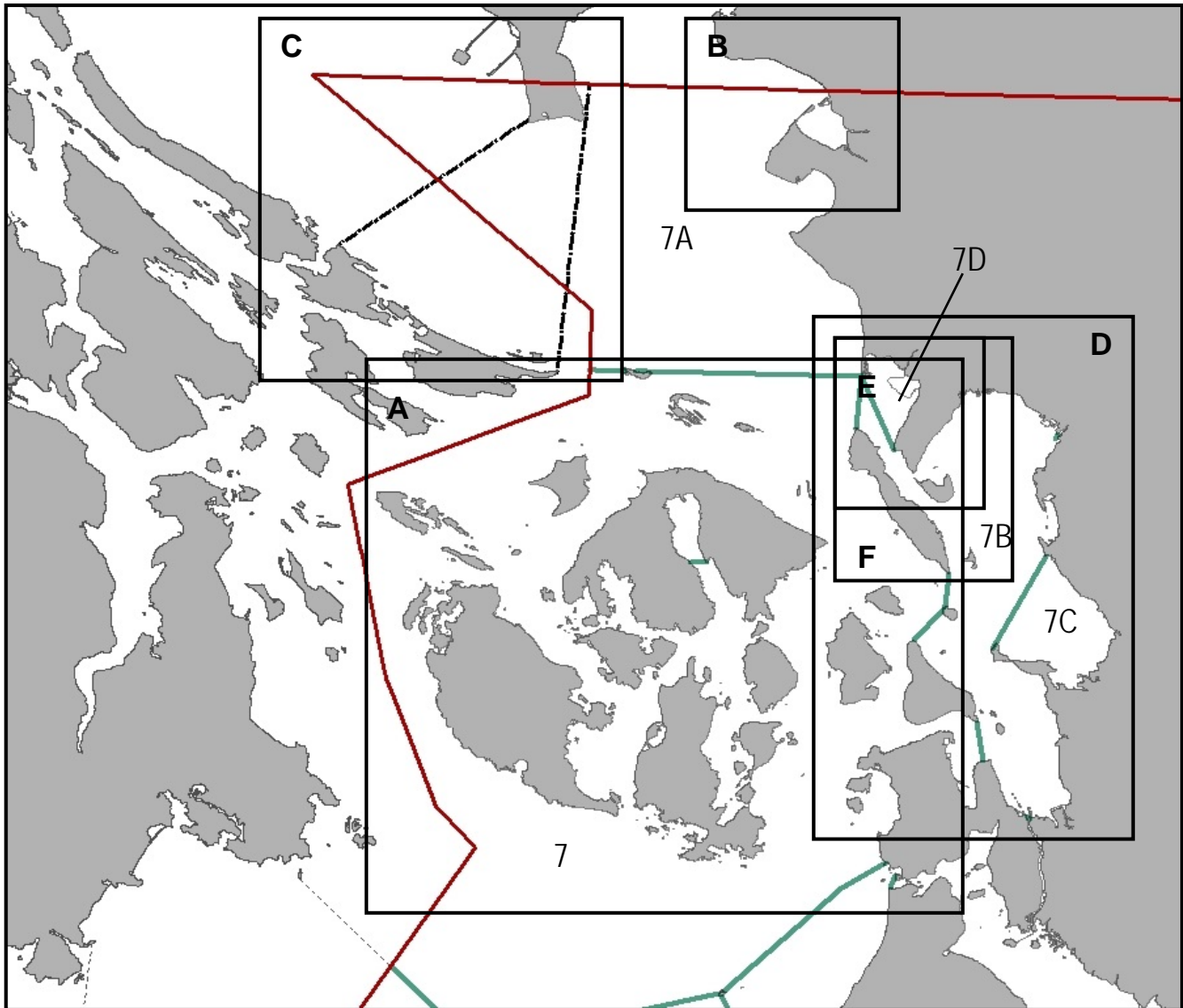


Areas 4B, 5, 6, 6B, 6C Exclusion: Closed in the Strait of Juan de Fuca Preserve (those waters and tributaries of the Strait of Juan de Fuca within three miles from shore between a line projected 30° true from a point three miles west of the Sekiu River mouth to a line projected 45° true from a point three miles east of the Dungeness River mouth, excluding the waters of Area 6D).⁵

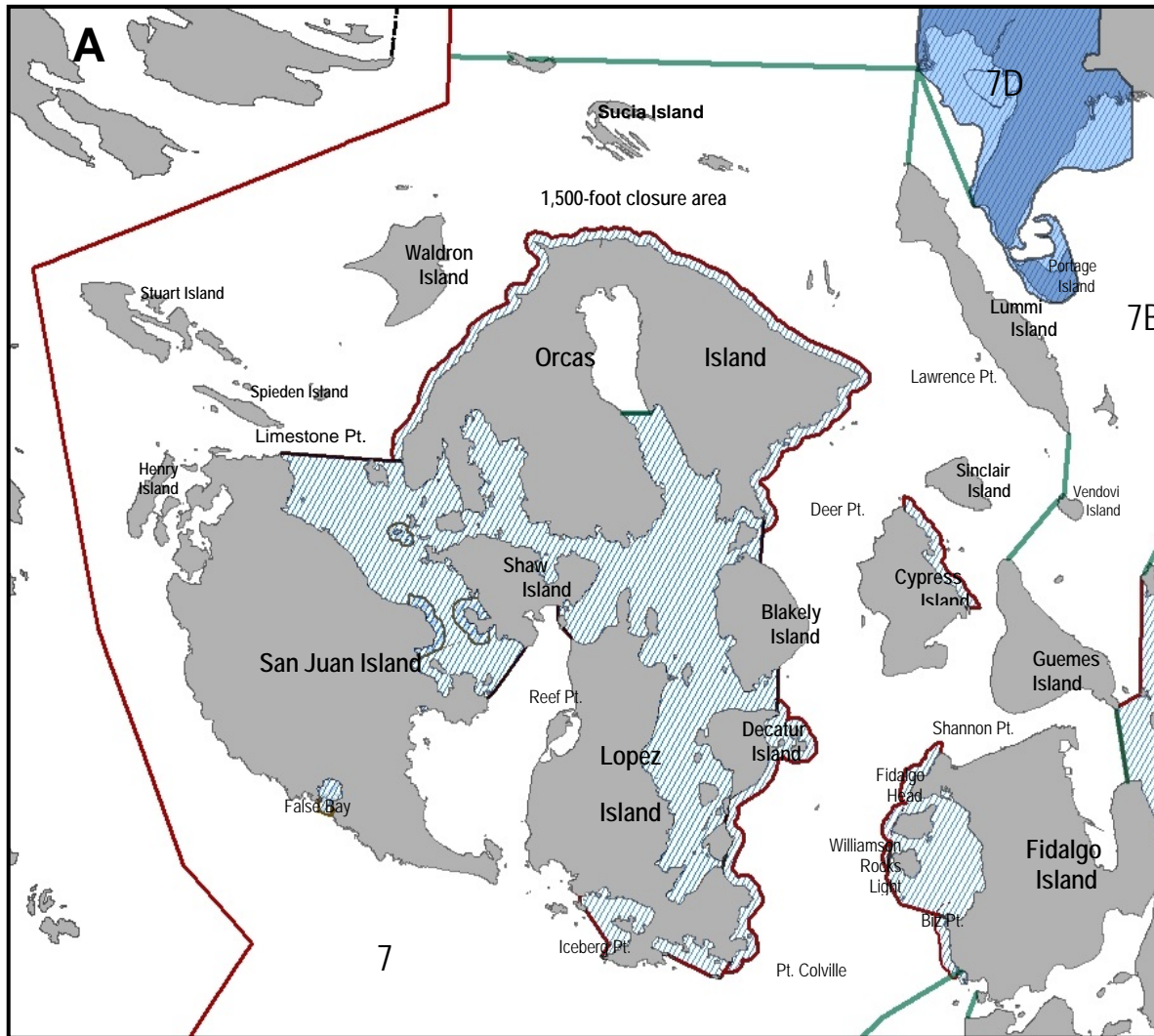


A.
Area 6D Exclusion: Closed within 1/4 mile of each mouth of the Dungeness River.

NORTHERN PUGET SOUND

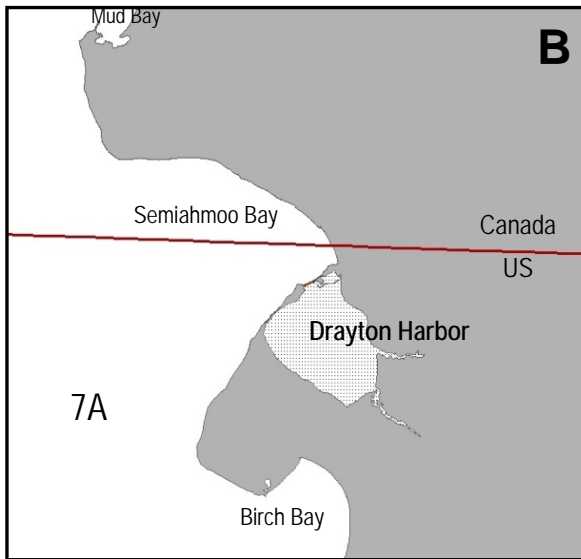


- A. AREA 7 EXCLUSIONS (pg. 27)
- B. AREA 7A EXCLUSION (pg. 28)
- C. POTENTIAL AREA 7A INSEASON AREA RESTRICTION (pg. 28)
- D. AREA 7B / 7C EXCLUSION (pg. 29)
- E. LUMMI INDIAN RESERVATION (pg. 29)

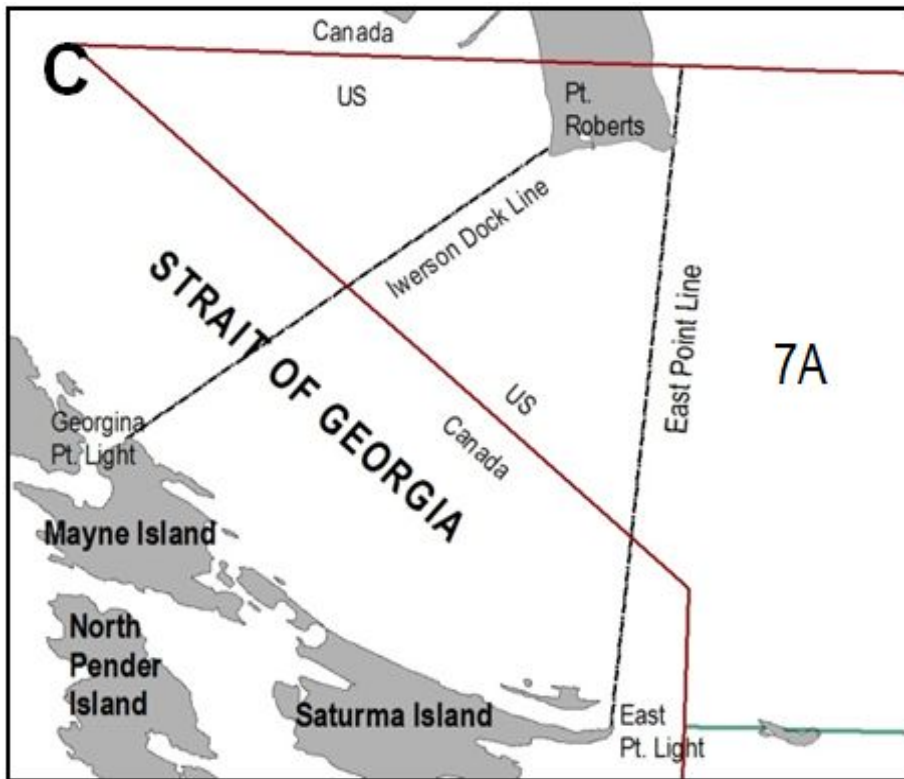


A.
Area 7 Exclusions:

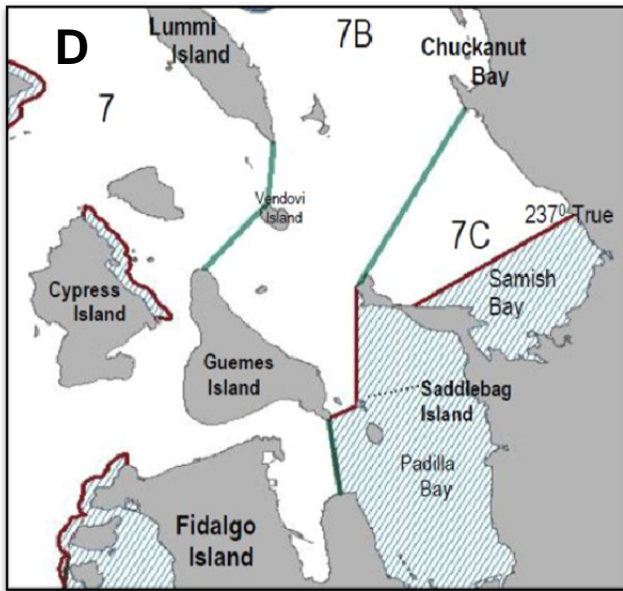
- (1) The San Juan Preserve as defined in WAC 220-47-262. "San Juan Salmon Preserve" shall include those waters of Puget Sound lying inside the following lines: a line projected from Decatur Island Light across Lopez Pass to Lopez Island, a line projected from Fauntleroy Point on Decatur Island through Lawson Rock to Blakely Island; a line projected from Deer Point on Orcas Island across Spindle Rock to Blakely Island; a line projected from Limestone Point on San Juan Island to the northernmost point of Jones Island thence 90° true to Orcas Island; a line projected from Reef Point on San Juan Island to the southernmost point of Shaw Island; and a line projected from Flat Point on Lopez Island to the most westerly point on Canoe Island, thence true north to the shoreline of Shaw Island, excluding the waters of Puget Sound Salmon Management and Catch Reporting Area 7E.
- (2) Those waters within 1,500 feet of shore on Orcas Island from Deer Point northeasterly to Lawrence Point thence west to a point intercepting a line projected from the northernmost point of Jones Island thence 90° true to Orcas Island.
- (3) Those waters within 1,500 feet of the shore of Cypress Island from Cypress Head to the northernmost point of Cypress Island.
- (4) Those waters easterly of a line projected from Iceberg Point to Iceberg Island, to the easternmost of Charles Island, then true north from the northernmost point of Charles Island to the shore of Lopez Island.
- (5) Those waters northerly of a line projected from the southernmost point of land at Aleck Bay to the westernmost point of Colville Island, thence from the easternmost point of Colville Island to Point Colville.
- (6) Those waters easterly of a line projected from Biz Point on Fidalgo Island to the Williamson Rocks light, thence to the Dennis Shoal Light, thence to the light on the westernmost point of Burrows Island, thence to the southwestern most point of Fidalgo Island, those waters within 1,500 feet of the western shore of Allan Island, those waters within 1,500 feet of the western shore of Burrows Island, and those waters within 1,500 feet of the shore of Fidalgo Island from Fidalgo Head northerly to Shannon Point.
- (7) Additional Fraser sockeye and pink closure: those waters within 1,500 feet of the shore of Fidalgo Island from the Initiative 77 marker northerly to Biz Point.
- (8) Those waters within 1,500 feet of the eastern shore of Lopez Island from Point Colville northerly to Lopez Pass and those waters within 1,500 feet of the eastern shore of Decatur Island from the southernmost point of land northerly to Fauntleroy Point, and those waters within 1,500 feet of the shore of James Island.



B.
Area 7A Exclusion:
 Closed in the Drayton Harbor Salmon Preserve (all the waters of Drayton Harbor and tributaries thereto lying inside and easterly of a line projected from Semiahmoo Spit to the Blaine Boathaven Dock).



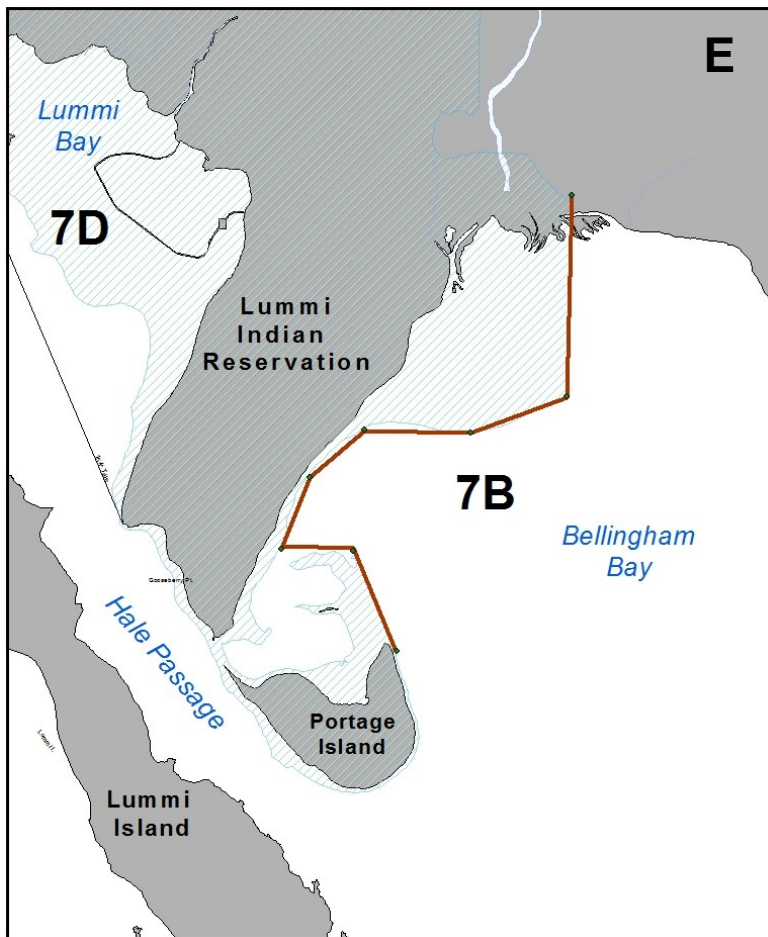
C.
Potential Area 7A Inseason Restriction:
 Waters north and west of the Area 7 “East Point Line” (a line projected from the low water range marker in Boundary Bay on the International Boundary through the east tip of Point Roberts in the state of Washington to the east Point light on Saturna Island in the Province of British Columbia) or “Iwerson Dock Line” (a line projected from Iwerson Dock on Point Roberts to the Georgina Point light at the entrance to Active Pass in the Province of British Columbia) may be open or closed depending on Pacific Salmon Commission-Fraser Panel management criteria.



D.

Area 7B Exclusion: Closed in that portion south and east of a line projected from William Point on Samish Island to Saddlebag Island to the southeastern tip of Guemes Island, and that portion northerly of the railroad trestle in Chuckanut Bay (see arrow).

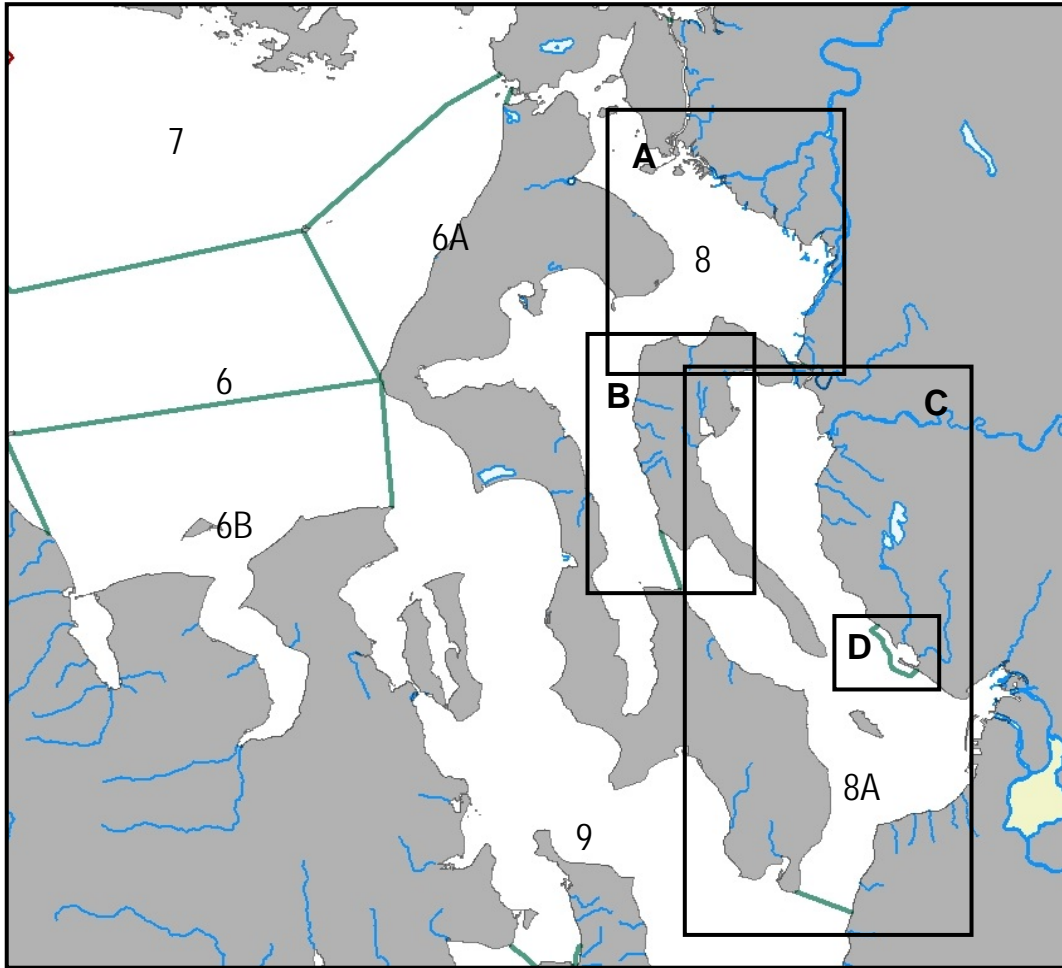
Area 7C Exclusion: Closed southeasterly of a line projected from the mouth of Oyster Creek 237° true to the fishing boundary marker on Samish Island.



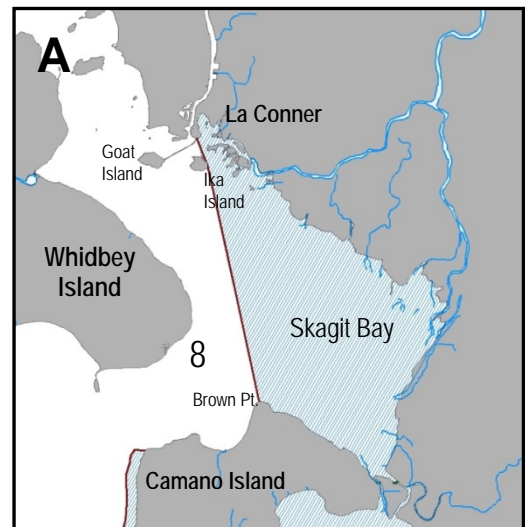
E.

Area 7B Lummi Reservation Exclusion: That portion of Bellingham Bay and Portage Bay adjacent to Lummi Indian Reservation is closed north and west of a line from the intersection of Marine Drive and Hoff Road (48°46'59"N, 122°34'25"W) projected 180° true for 2.75 nautical miles (nm) to a point at 48°45'11"N, 122°34'25"W, then 250° true for 1.4 nm to a point at 48°44'50"N, 122°35'42"W, then 270° true for 1.4 nm to 48°44'50"N, 122°37'08"W, then 230° true for 1.3 nm to 48°44'24"N, 122°37'52"W, then 200° true for 1 nm to 48°43'45"N, 122°38'12"W, then 90° true for 1 nm to a point just northeast of Portage Island (48°43'45"N, 122°37'14"W), then 160° true for 1.4 nm to a point just east of Portage Island (48°42'52"N, 122°36'37"W).

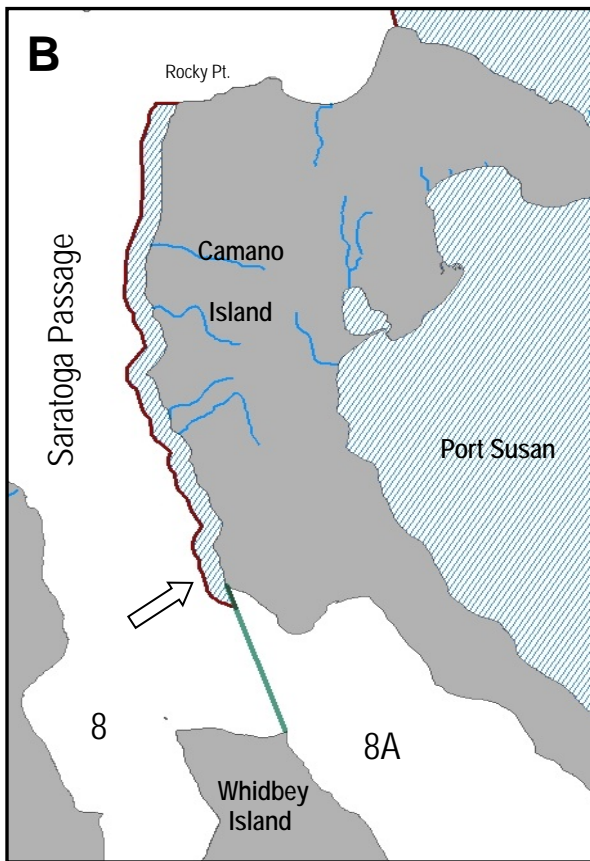
CENTRAL PUGET SOUND



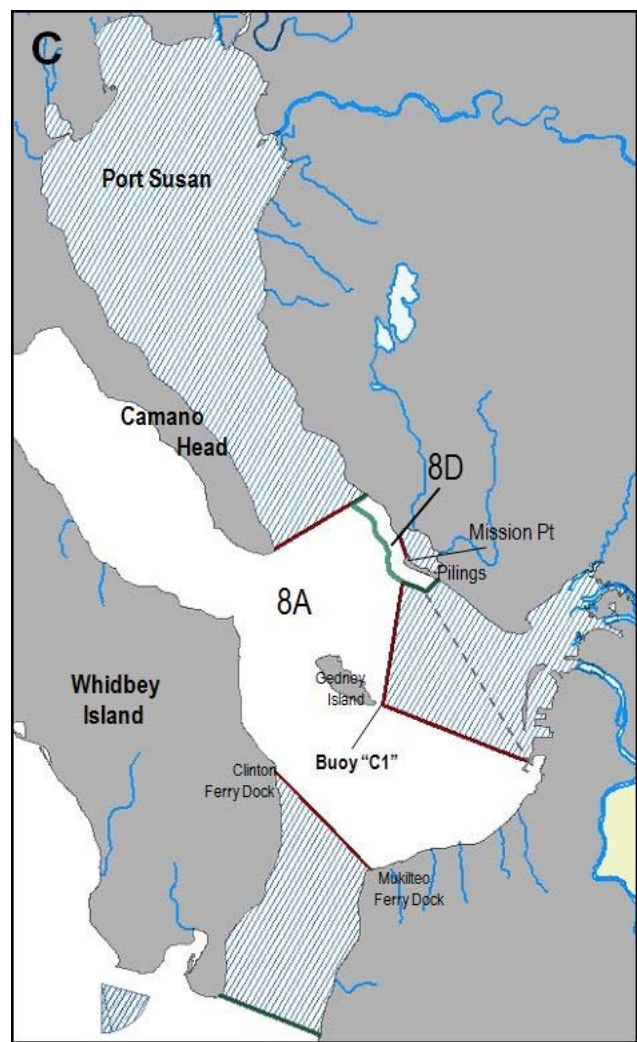
- A. AREA 8 EXCLUSION (SKAGIT BAY pg. 30)
- B. AREA 8 EXCLUSION (CAMANO ISLAND pg. 31)
- C. AREA 8A EXCLUSIONS (pg. 31)
- D. AREA 8D EXCLUSION (pg. 31)



A. **Area 8 Exclusion:** Closed in that portion easterly of a line projected from Brown Point on Camano Island to a white monument on the easterly point of Ika Island, thence across the Skagit River to the terminus of the jetty with McGlinn Island.

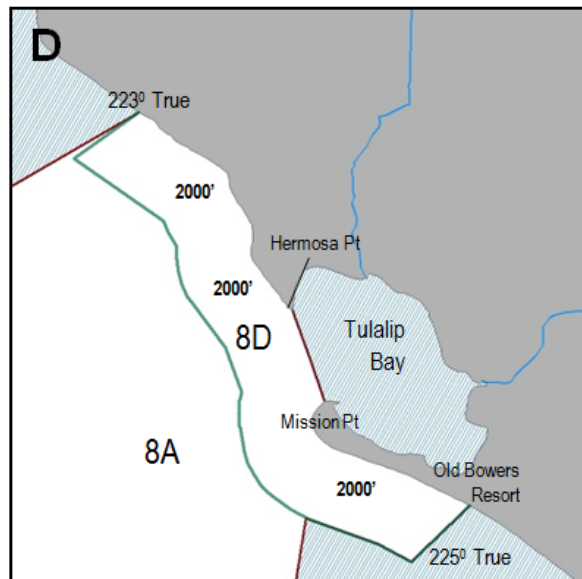


B.
Area 8 Exclusion: Those Area 8 waters within 1,500 feet of the western shore of Camano Island south of a line projected true west from Rocky Point.



C.
Area 8A Pink and Coho Seasonal Exclusions: Closed in those waters southerly of a line projected from the Clinton ferry dock to the Mukilteo ferry dock and across the mouth of the Snohomish River to the landfall on the eastern shore and those waters north of a line projected from Camano Head to the northern boundary of Area 8D.

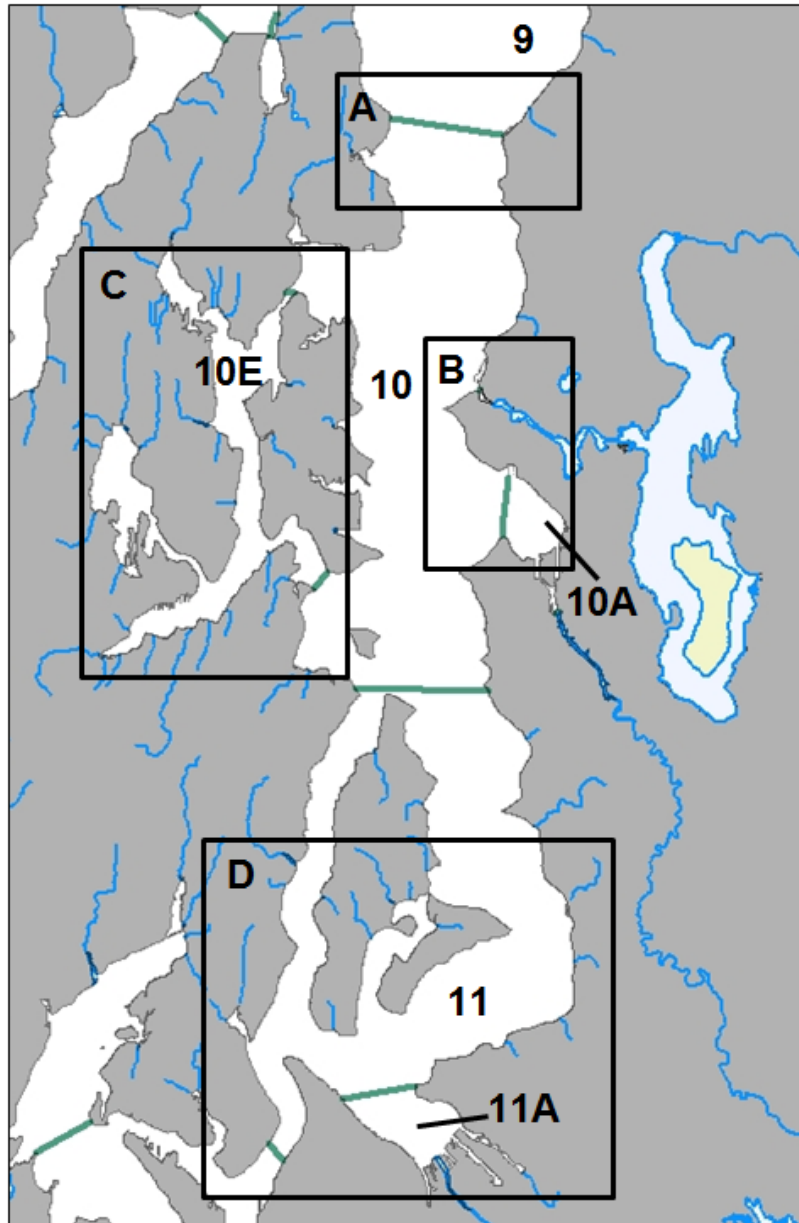
Additional Seasonal Coho Exclusion: Closed in those waters easterly of a line projected from Mission Point to Buoy "C1" (excluding the waters of Area 8D), thence through the green light at the entrance jetty of the Snohomish River



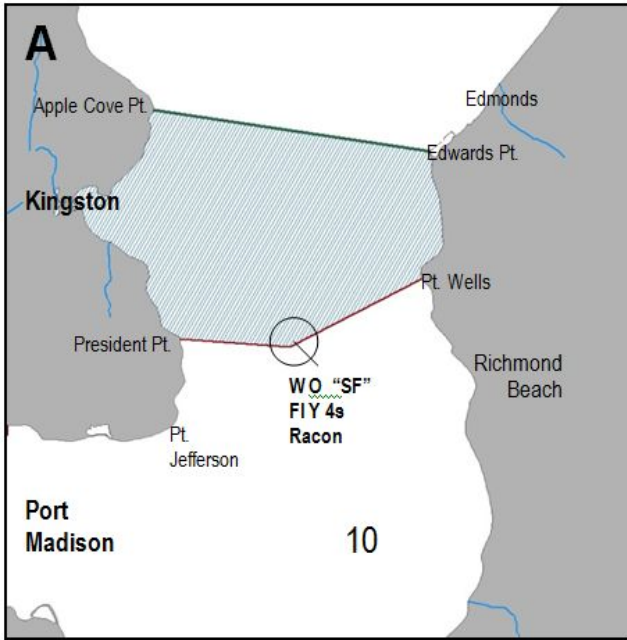
D.
Area 8D boundary: Area 8D shall include those waters of Puget Sound inside and easterly of a line projected 225° from the pilings at Old Bower's Resort to a point 2,000 feet offshore, thence northwesterly to a point 2,000 feet off Mission Point, thence across the mouth of Tulalip Bay to a point 2,000 feet off Hermosa Point, thence northwesterly following a line 2,000 feet offshore to the intersection with a one projected 223° from the fishing boundary marker on the shore at the slide north of Tulalip Bay.

Area 8D Exclusion: Those waters easterly of a line projected from Mission Point to Hermosa Point are closed.

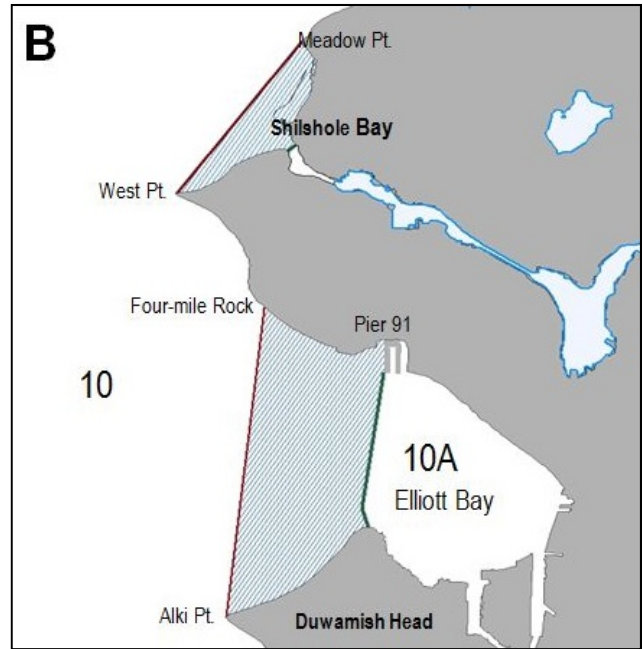
SOUTHERN PUGET SOUND



- A. AREA 10 INSEASON EXCLUSION (pg. 33)
- B. AREA 10 EXCLUSION (SHILSHOLE BAY) AND INSEASON EXCLUSIONS (pg. 33)
- C. AREA 10 PINK INSEASON EXCLUSIONS (pg. 33)
- D. AREA 10 / 10E EXCLUSION AND INSEASON RESTRICTIONS (pg. 34)
- E. AREA 11 EXCLUSION AND INSEASON RESTRICTIONS (pg. 34)

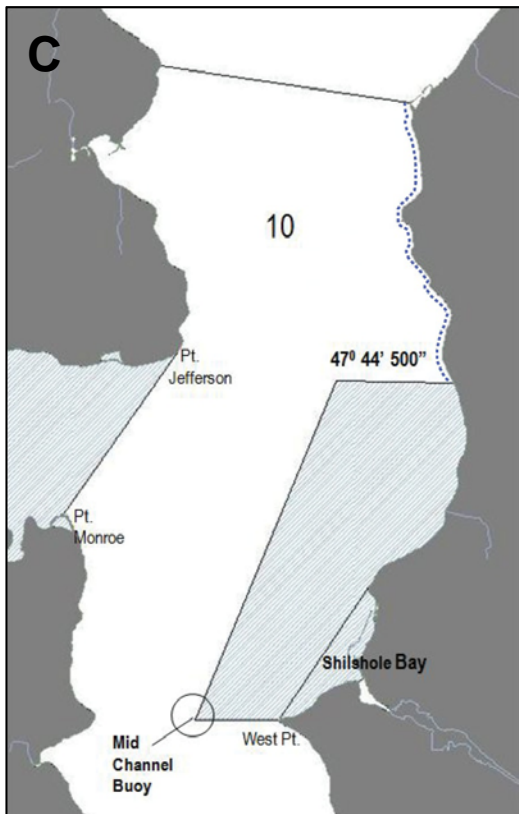


A.
Area 10 Inseason Restriction: During Area 10 coho-directed fisheries, closed in those waters north of a line projected from Point Wells to "SF" Buoy, then west to President's Point.



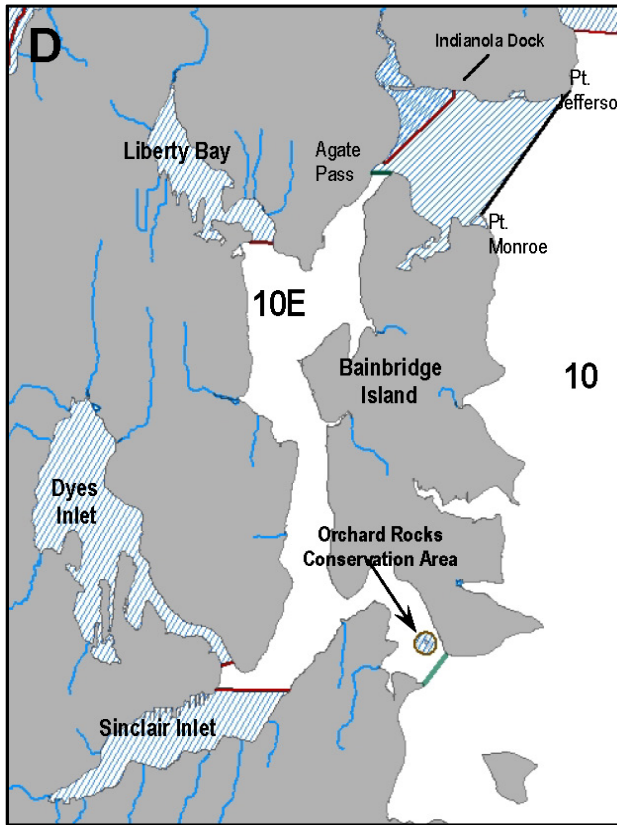
B.
Area 10 Exclusion: Closed in that portion easterly of a line projected from Meadow Point to West Point.

Area 10 Inseason Restriction: During Area 10 coho or chum directed fisheries, closed in those waters of Elliott Bay east of a line projected from Alki Point to the light at Fourmile Rock.



C.
Area 10 Pink Seasonal Closure: Those waters east inside of a line originating from West Point extending west to the closest mid channel buoy, thence true through Point Wells until reaching latitude 47° 44' 50", thence extending directly east to the shoreline.

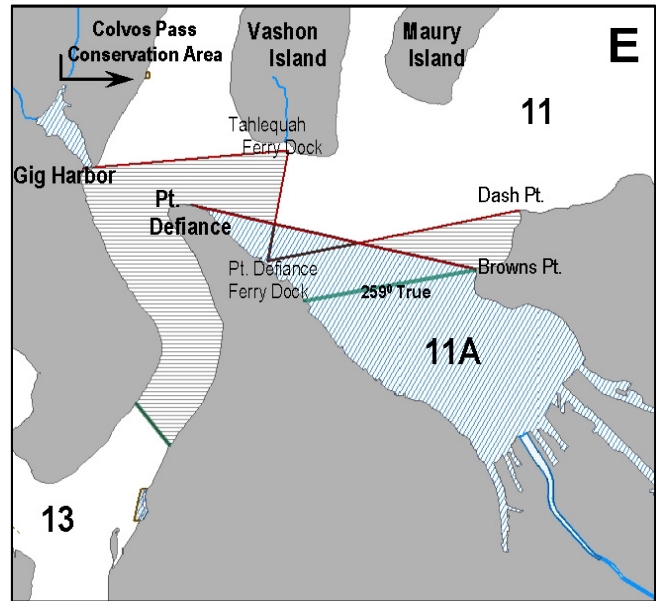
Additional Area 10 Purse Seine Pink Seasonal Closure: The area within 500 feet of the eastern shore in Area 10 is closed to purse seines north of latitude 47° 44' 50".



D.

Area 10 Exclusion: Closed in that portion of Port Madison westerly of a line projected from Pt. Jefferson to the northern most portion of Pt. Monroe.

Area 10E Exclusion: Closed in those waters of Liberty Bay north of a line projected due east from the southernmost Keyport dock, those waters of Sinclair Inlet southwest of a line projected true east from the Bremerton ferry terminal. Closed in those waters of Dyes Inlet north of the Manette Bridge.

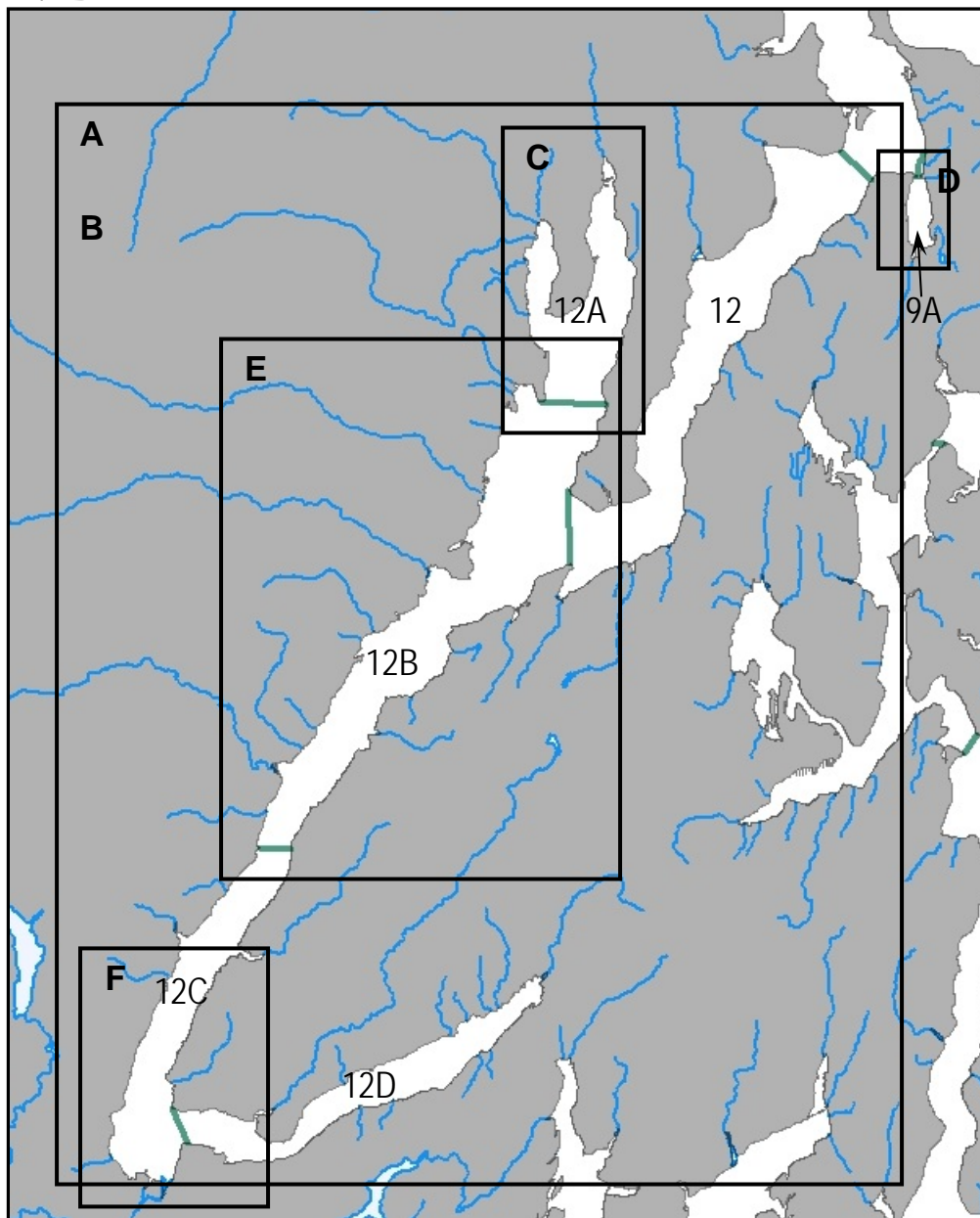


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Area 11 Exclusion: Closed northerly of a line projected true west from the light at the mouth of Gig Harbor and closed south of a line from Browns Point to the northernmost point of land on Point Defiance.

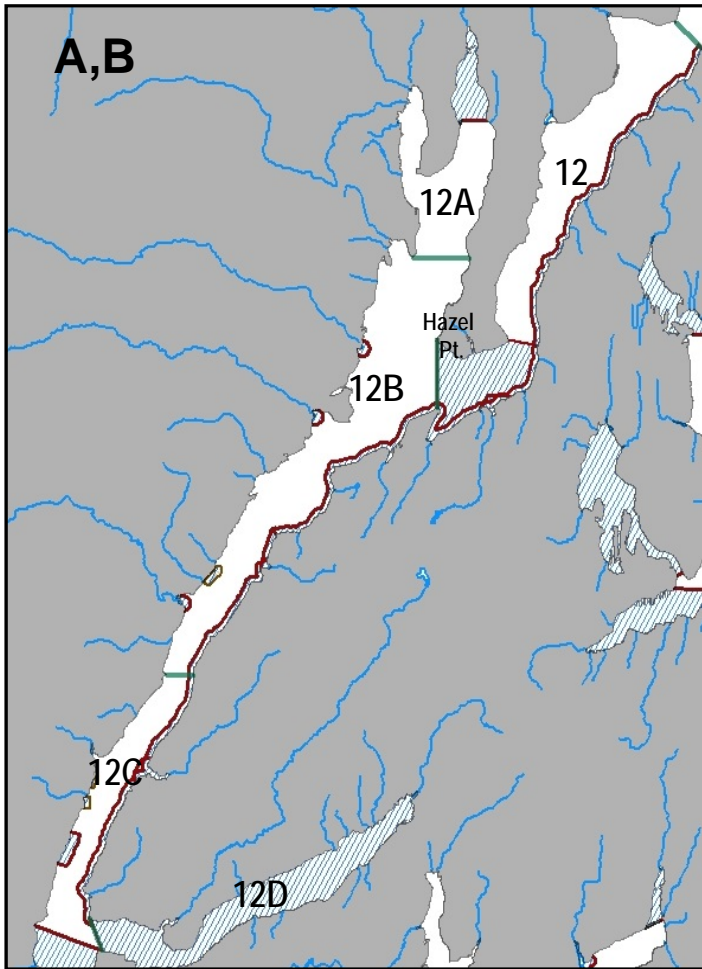
Area 11 Coho Seasonal Closure: Closed south of a line projected from the light at the mouth of Gig Harbor to the Tahlequah Ferry Dock, thence south to the Point Defiance Ferry Dock, and also closed south of a line projected from the Point Defiance Ferry Dock to Dash Point. The tidelands and water column over those tidelands of the South 239th Street and City of Des Moines Parks in the city of Des Moines are closed to all harvest. Closed in that portion of Colvos Passage south of Sunrise County Park enclosed by a line starting at the extreme low water line on the western shore at 47°20.87'N and extending out due east 300 feet, thence southwesterly paralleling the shore for 500 feet, thence due west to the extreme low water line.

HOOD CANAL



- A. HOOD CANAL COHO-CHUM SEASON EXCLUSION (pg. 36)
AND AREA 12, 12B, AND 12C EXCLUSION
- B. PURSE SEINE AREA 12/HAZEL POINT EXCLUSION (pg. 36)
- C. AREA 12A EXCLUSION (pg. 36)
- D. AREA 9A EXCLUSION (pg. 36)
- E. AREA 12B EXCLUSION (pg. 37)
- F. AREA 12C EXCLUSION (pg. 37)
- G. AREA 12 PURSE SEINE HOOD CANAL BRIDGE EXCLUSION (pg. 37)

ADDITIONAL HOOD CANAL ADVISORIES ON PAGE 38

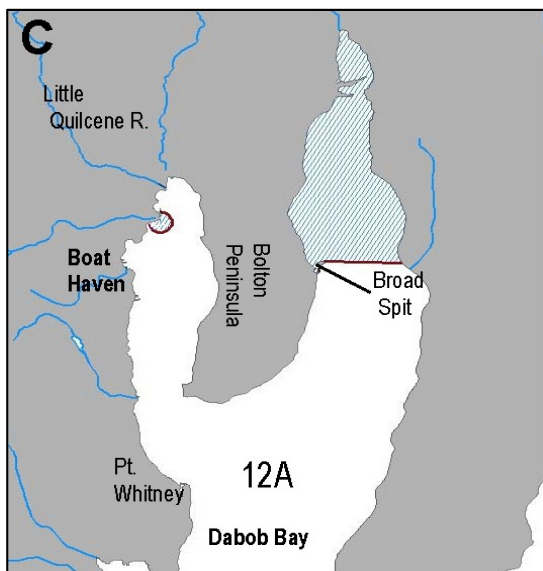


A. Hood Canal Coho-Chum Season Exclusion: Those waters of Area 12D are closed to all gear types.

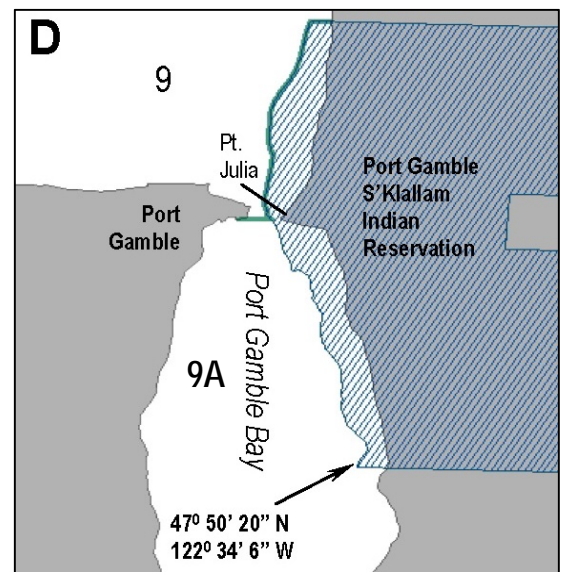
Area 12, 12B, and 12C Exclusion: Those waters within 1,000 feet of the eastern shore.

B. Purse Seine Coho-Chum Season Exclusion: Purse seine openings during coho and chum seasons exclude those waters of Area 12 east of the Area 12/12B boundary and south of a line projected 94° true from Hazel Point to the light on the opposite shore, except this area is open to purse seines on October 24 and October 31.

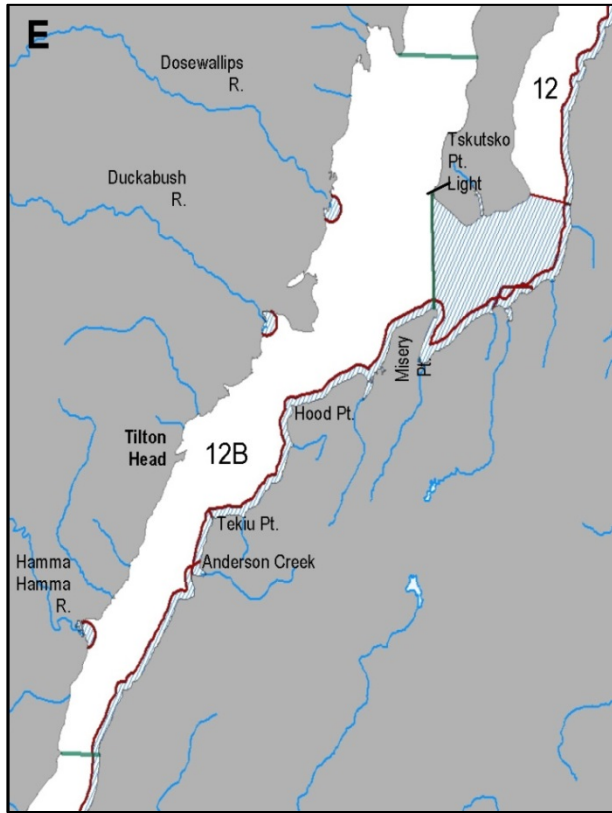
Note: this area is open for gillnets.



C. Area 12A Exclusions: Closed in that portion north of a line projected due east from Broad Spit. Also closed within 1,000 feet of the mouth of the Big Quilcene River.

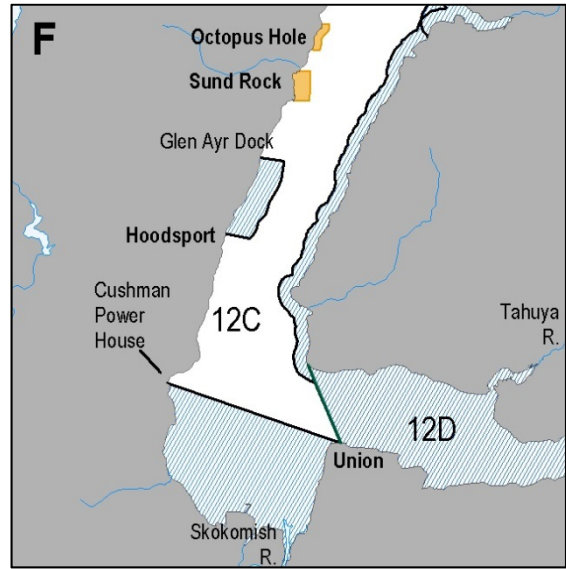


D. Area 9A Exclusion: The beach and intertidal waters of Port Gamble Bay between Point Julia and the coordinates shown above are on the Port Gamble S'Klallam Indian Reservation. The Department of Fish and Wildlife advises that non-Indian fishers operating near reservation boundaries should stay offshore from the line of extreme low water (generally -4.5 feet in Puget Sound) or they may be subject to federal laws.



E.

Area 12B Exclusion: All Area 12B fisheries exclude those waters within a 1/4 mile radius of the mouths of the Dosewallips, Duckabush, and Hamma Hamma Rivers and Anderson Creek. Closed in those waters within a line from Waketickeh Creek perpendicular to the shore for 500 yards then parallel to shore northeast 1,700 yards, thence back to shore along a line perpendicular to shore.

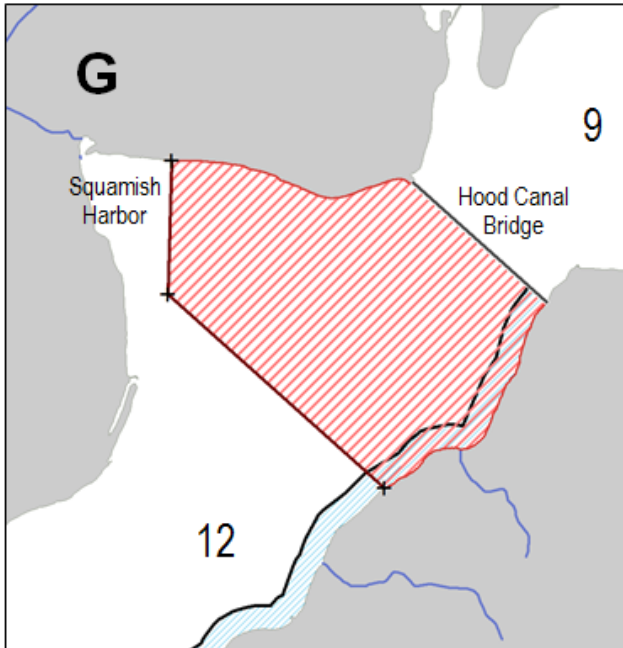


F.

Area 12C Exclusions:

Closed in that portion within 2,000 feet of the western shore between the dock at Glen Ayr RV Park and the Hoodsport Marina Dock (Note this area may open to beach seines only by emergency regulation); closed in those waters southerly of a line projected from the Cushman Powerhouse to the public boat ramp at Union; and closed in those waters within 1/4 mile of the mouth of the Dewatto River; closed in those waters on the western shore of Hood Canal known as Octopus Hole within a line projected due east from shore at 47°27'01"N for 200 yards, thence southerly parallel to shore 628 yards, thence due west to the shore.

Sund Rock Conservation Area: Those waters and bed lands enclosed by a line originating at the shore of Hood Canal, at the mouth of Sund Creek (47°26.4'N, 123°7.1'W), thence due east to 123°6.9'W, thence due south to 47°26'N, thence due west until it intersects the beach, thence north along the ordinary high water line to the point of origin.



G.

Area 12 Purse Seine Exclusion: On October 24 and October 31, that portion of Area 12 within 2 miles of the Hood Canal Bridge, north and east of a line from 47°49'49.2" N and 122°38'22.2" W, then projected across the canal to a point at 47°51'8.7" N and 122°40'41" W, then projected true north to the shoreline.

ATTENTION HOOD CANAL FISHERS!

The Washington State Department of Transportation is extremely concerned that damage to bridge cables could compromise the overall safety of the bridge.

Forty-two pairs of anchor cables stabilize the Hood Canal Bridge. The cables, located at approximately 350-foot intervals along the bridge, are attached to the bridge two feet below the water surface. Signs warning of underwater cables are located on the bridge pontoons at the point of connection. Boaters are warned to stay 150 feet away from the bridge when under way and 550 feet away when fishing in order to avoid contact with the cables. At 150 feet from the bridge, the cable depth ranges from 17 feet near shore to 40 feet near the center span of the bridge. To clear the cables at a 100-foot depth, FISHING BOATS NEED TO KEEP THEIR NETS AT LEAST 550 FEET AWAY from the bridge at center span, farther as the boat moves closer to shore.

The consequences of contact with an anchor cable or bridge pontoon are significant for both the bridge and the fisher. In a 1988 inspection, damage was noted on 10 of the 42 pairs of cables. In addition, 12 fishing nets were found wrapped around cables. Even minor contact with the outer surface of the cables can cause damage, which increases the rate of deterioration and can cause possible premature failure. Operation of vessels near the cables increases the probability of severing a cable, and collisions with bridge pontoons can seriously damage the bridge structure. Finally, loss of your net as it wraps around a bridge anchor cable WILL impact your livelihood!

The bottom line is:

STAY AT LEAST 550 FEET AWAY FROM THE HOOD CANAL BRIDGE!

U.S. Navy Submarine Homeport at Submarine Base Bangor

Operations of the Trident submarines home ported at Sub Base Bangor make up the majority of the submarine movements in waters of Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The Trident submarine is 560 feet in length, is 44 feet at the hull beam and draws 36 feet of water when on the surface. Viewing a Trident submarine on the surface can at times be quite deceptive because of several characteristics that may not be visible:

- Roughly 70 per cent of the ship's structure lies below the waterline.
- The submarine's bow extends about 35 feet forward and below the waterline. Its stern extends about 50 feet aft and below the waterline.
- On the aft end of the ship and outboard of the rudder, vertical fins called sternplane stabilizers extend several feet beyond the beam at each side. These fins extend upward to within a few feet of the surface.
- While on the surface, a Trident submarine displaces about 16,000 tons. When underway at a nominal speed of 10 knots, the ship requires four minutes and 600 yards of horizontal travel to stop movement through the water.

Fishers in Hood Canal should monitor VHF Channel 16 for information and instructions regarding submarine transit and operations in Hood Canal and Dabob Bay.

Naval Vessel Protective Zones (NVPZs) Issued under 14 U.S.C. 91

The Coast Guard has established temporary regulations for the safety and security of U.S. naval vessels. Effective immediately, Naval Vessel Protection Zones are established within 500 yards of any U.S. naval vessel, including any vessel owned, operated, chartered, leased, or under the operational control of the U.S. Navy. All vessels within these zones shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course. Vessels shall proceed as directed by the official Coast Guard patrol if assigned or the Commanding Officer of the U.S. naval vessel if no Coast Guard vessel is present. No vessel or person is allowed within 100 yards of a U.S. naval vessel, unless authorized by the official patrol. Vessels requesting movement through this zone shall contact the official patrol on VHF-FM channel 16. Violations of these regulations are punishable as a felony.

Exclusionary zones of various sizes protect most Navy facilities in the Puget Sound region. These zones are currently undergoing rapid change due to the emerging national security environment. Mariners are urged to keep abreast of the latest developments via the Coast Guard Thirteenth District Local Notice to Mariners, available at:

<http://www.uscg.mil/d13/default.asp>

WDFW ADVISORIES

Fish Ticket Accuracy: It is the responsibility of fishers and processors to ensure that fish tickets are accurately completed. In particular, failure to accurately record **date, species, catch area and numbers** of all fish caught is subject to prosecution. **Take-home fish** must be listed as required by state regulations. Note that it is unlawful for the license holder or crew of a Puget Sound commercial salmon vessel to retain for personal use more than the equivalent of one daily sport bag limit for the area being fished. **Your compliance in reporting all fish caught is necessary for proper management of the salmon fisheries, now and in future years.** Also note that incidental catch of Atlantic salmon must be reported on fish tickets.

Commercial Transportation Tickets: A transportation ticket is needed (until a fish receiving ticket is completed) to transport commercial quantities of fish or shellfish in Washington. It must be displayed on demand to a Fish and Wildlife Officer and is to remain with the fish or shellfish until a fish receiving ticket is completed. The transportation ticket is to be mailed to WDFW together with the state copy of the fish receiving ticket if the commercial fisher does not sign the fish receiving ticket. Exceptions to this rule: Fish or shellfish being transported in the catching vessel; Fish or shellfish being transported by WDFW; Fish or shellfish being transported on an OR transportation ticket; Hatchery carcass purchases; a sales receipt is present documenting the purchase of transported fish or shellfish; a fish receiving ticket has been completed for the fish or shellfish in transit.

Ordering Fish Receiving Tickets & other supplies: Call WDFW, Information Systems: **360-902-2312**

Information Regarding Indian Reservation Boundaries: Whenever non-Indian fishers are located in waters near Indian reservations, they should respect the reservation boundaries along the shoreline. Some boundaries have been disputed by the state and the tribes. To ensure that non-Indian fishers remain outside reservation boundaries, the Department of Fish and Wildlife advises that non-Indian fishers operating near the boundaries of the Tulalip, Lummi and Port Gamble S'Klallam Indian reservations should stay offshore from the line of extreme low water. The line of extreme low water is generally defined as minus 4.5 feet in Puget Sound. For fishers operating in area 7B, the area adjacent to the Lummi Indian Reservation, as defined by WAC 220-47-307, is closed. Non-Indian fishers fishing on Indian reservations without permission may be subject to prosecution under federal laws.

Orderly Fisheries: WDFW will monitor fisheries for conflict situations, and expects that each user group will respect the needs of other groups in order to avoid regulatory action or reduction in available fishing time.

KILLER WHALE VESSEL REGULATIONS

In 2011 the Federal Government (NOAA Fisheries) released new protective regulations for Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed Killer Whales (Orcas). For a complete summary of these new rules please visit the NOAA web page at:

http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/protected_species/marine_mammals/killer_whale/vessel_regulations.html

These rules prohibit vessels from approaching any killer whale closer than 200 yards and forbid vessels from intercepting a whale or positioning the vessel in its path. Exemptions to the rules apply to treaty Indian and commercial fishing vessel lawfully engaged in actively setting, retrieving, or closely tending fishing gear or transferring catch. The regulations do apply to all fishing vessels transiting to or from fishing. WDFW also encourages all vessels to "GO SLOW" in the vicinity of killer whales. For more information on how to avoid disturbing killer whales, visit wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/orca.

U. S. COAST GUARD VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE ADVISORIES

The following information is provided by the Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service (VTS)

Rule 10: Rule 10 of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions At Sea (Navigation Rules) applies to all vessels operating in the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) at all times - not just when hazardous levels of vessel congestion are deemed to exist. Rule 10 states that vessels engaged in fishing shall not impede the passage of **any** vessel following a traffic lane. This means that a vessel engaged in fishing must navigate in such a way as to avoid the development of a risk of collision with another vessel.

Communications Radio Frequencies and Monitoring: Vessels engaged in fishing which are not required by the Bridge to Bridge Radiotelephone Regulations to maintain a listening watch, are highly encouraged to monitor the VTS frequency for the area in which the vessel is operating. VTS uses VHF_FM Channel 5A (156.25 MHz) in the area north of Lagoon Point on the west side of Whidbey Island and north of Possession Point on the east side of Whidbey Island (area 8A/9 line). VTS uses VHF channel 14 (156.70 MHz) south of the waters mentioned above.

Safety of All Marine Users is Top Priority: Fishers are reminded to use caution at all times, to ensure the safety of themselves and preservation of gear, as well as the safety of other Puget Sound waterway users.

The following highlights 33CFR Part 165 Regulated navigation Areas and Limited Access Areas. These regulations will be implemented during periods, and in locations, where hazardous levels of vessel congestion are deemed to exist by VTS.

Locations Where Fishing is prohibited by U.S. Coast Guard: In addition to area closures and exclusion zones regulated by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, fishing is prohibited, when hazardous levels of vessel congestion are deemed to exist by VTS, in the one-half mile wide ferry lanes between Edmonds and Kingston during the hours when ferries are operating. Fishing is prohibited within a one-half nautical mile radius of the center of the main ship channel draw span of the Hood Canal Bridge during the immediate approach and transit of the draw by public vessels of the United States.

15-Minute Rule: Vessels engaged in fishing are required to draw in their gear, maneuver, or otherwise clear the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) and connecting precautionary areas east of New Dungeness, 15 minutes before the arrival of a vessel following the TSS. This is necessary because of continued user conflicts and potentially hazardous situations that frequently develop during periods of heavy congestion. The intended effect of this action is to promote safety among the several and varied users of these waters.

VTS will broadcast the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) of vessels following the TSS to help vessels engaged in fishing comply with the 15 minute rule as well as Rule 10. A safe alternative to the radio listening watch is to stay clear of the TSS.

All-Citizen and Tribal Fishers Subject to Coast Guard Rules: In the interest of safety for all Puget Sound waterway users, the U.S. Coast Guard reminds both all-citizen and tribal fishers that they are subject to all U.S. Coast Guard rules.

Speed Limit: A vessel following the TSS may not exceed a speed of 11 knots through the water when transiting areas where hazardous levels of vessel congestion are deemed to exist.

Additional U.S. Coast Guard VTS Information: The Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service is located at 1519 Alaskan Way South, Seattle, WA 98134. Their telephone number is 206-217-6050.

Appropriate Vessel Lighting and/or Day Shapes: All vessels are required to display the applicable navigational lights and shapes required by the Navigation Rules. In addition, vessels engaged in gillnet fishing at any time between sunset and sunrise shall display at the end of the net most distant from the vessel an all-round (32-point) white light visible for a minimum of two nautical miles at least three feet above the surface of the water.

A SUMMARY OF NAVIGATION SAFETY REGULATIONS

Large Naval vessels, such as submarines, cannot maneuver easily, and have difficulty transiting the main ship channel draw span of the Hood Canal Bridge. The International Rules of the Road, or "72 COLREGS," provide specific regulations to ensure safe passage of vessels. **ALL MARINERS SHOULD REVIEW AND COMPLY WITH THESE RULES!**

Here are a few pertinent excerpts:

Rule 9(c): "A vessel engaged in fishing shall not impede the passage of any other vessel navigating within a narrow channel or fairway."

Rule 18(c): "A vessel engaged in fishing when underway shall, so far as possible, keep out of the way of a vessel not under command and a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver."

Rule 26 (a): "A vessel engaged in fishing, whether underway or at anchor, shall exhibit only the lights and shapes prescribed by this rule:

(c) A vessel engaged in fishing, other than trawling, shall exhibit:

(i) Two all-round lights in a vertical line, the upper being red and the lower white, or a shape consisting of two cones with their apexes together in a vertical line one above the other (Purse Seines); a vessel of less than 20 meters in length may instead of this shape exhibit a basket (Gillnets);



(ii) When there is outlying gear extending more than 150 meters horizontally from the vessel, an all-round white light or a cone apex upwards in the direction of the gear (Gills).



(iii) When making way through the water, in addition to the lights prescribed in this paragraph, sidelights and a stern light."

Additional information is available through the U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service, (206-217-6050). Generally, vessels creating the congestion, such as fleets of fishing vessels, must cooperate with approaching through-traffic to permit safe passage. This will often involve maneuvering the fishing vessel, and its net, out of the way.

The Coast Guard is concerned with safety on the water, and has a number of programs available to the mariner. Please visit:

http://www.uscgboating.org/safety/boating_safety_courses.aspx

Helpful hints for all mariners are available in the Puget Sound Harbor Safety Plan, located at:

<http://www.pshsc.org/id55.html>

REPORTING DERELICT OR LOST GEAR

In 2012 the state passed a law making it mandatory for commercial fishermen to report lost nets to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. The regulations require any person who loses or abandons commercial net fishing gear to report it to the Department of Fish and Wildlife within 24 hours of loss.

Lost or abandoned commercial gear can be reported to WDFW by calling the toll free derelict gear reporting hotline or by submitting the information using the online reporting system.

Derelict Gear Hotline:

1-855-542-3935

Online Reporting System:

<http://www.derelictgeardb.org/reportgear.aspx>

DERELICT GEAR REMOVAL PROJECT

The Northwest Straits Conservation Initiative (NWSCI) works to survey and remove lost fishing gear in state marine waters. Acting as a board of directors for the NWSCI, the Northwest Straits Commission is made up of citizens representing local, tribal, state and community interests working together to protect vital marine resources. Citizen-based Marine Resources Committees, representing the seven counties of northwest Washington, are full partners in the Initiative.



NORTHWEST STRAITS
marine conservation initiative

Derelict fishing gear includes nets, lines, crab and shrimp traps/pots, and other recreational or commercial harvest equipment that has been lost or abandoned in the marine environment. Modern nets and fishing line made of synthetic materials have been in use since the 1940s and take decades to decompose in water. Derelict fishing gear is long-lasting marine debris that poses many problems to people and to marine animals.

“No-fault” Approach:

The focus of the Derelict Fishing Gear Removal Project is not on assessing blame. The goals are to remove lost and abandoned gear, to help restore Puget Sound and the Northwest Straits, to improve public safety, and to assist species recovery. The success of the project will rely on the collective efforts of citizens, government organizations and private businesses that all have an interest in healthy marine life.

Additional information on the derelict gear and its removal can be found at:

<http://www.derelictgear.org/>

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/derelict/>

FISHING HOTLINE INFORMATION

A copy of this pamphlet along with additional information such as weekly hotline messages or latest regulatory information may be obtained by visiting the Department of Fish & Wildlife web site at:

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

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Hotline

For the latest regulatory information including seasons and emergency changes, call the WDFW hotline at:

(360) 902-2500

Fraser Panel (NOAA Fisheries) Hotline:

(800) 662-9825

For information on fisheries directed at Fraser River-origin sockeye salmon in the San Juan Islands, contact the NOAA Fisheries hotline. Additional information on Fraser River Stocks (including test fishing results) can be found on the Pacific Salmon Commission's website <http://www.psc.org> or by calling (604) 666-8200.

Report a Violation

Call the nearest State Patrol Office listed below. State Patrol has direct contact with Enforcement Officers.

Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties	(360) 676-2076
Bremerton	(360) 478-4646
Gig Harbor	(253) 858-8800
Port Angeles	(360) 452-3394
Seattle	(206) 464-6610
Tacoma	(253) 536-6210

POACHING HOTLINE 1-877-933-9847

Enforcement Program has instituted an on-line reporting page for fish/wildlife violations:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/enforcement/violation/>

(Please note: E-mail will only be read during regular business hours, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. On-going violations needing immediate response should be phoned in to ensure prompt response). To report in-process violations on weekends, holidays, and after hours, call your local State Patrol office. Reports are confidential and are forwarded to a Fish and Wildlife Officer for investigation.

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