

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message **Number 6**,

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The 2009 Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation pamphlet was mailed the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received a copy please contact (360) 902-2700 and ask for a copy or check our web site listed on pages 1 and 43 of the pamphlet. Please check it regularly for updated information regarding Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries.

Fishers are reminded that a Fish Friendly certification card will be required to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries. Contact (360) 902-2717 if you need to attend a workshop to get a card. For the most current information on Areas 7 or 7A sockeye fisheries check the National Marine Fisheries Hotline at (800) 662-9825.

Gillnet fishers are reminded that buoy requirements, as listed on page 15 of the pamphlet, are in effect for 300 fathom drift gill nets for all openings.

**For the period of September 6<sup>th</sup> – September 12<sup>th</sup> all areas are currently closed except as follows:**

**Area 7B Bellingham Bay** will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size during the following dates and times:

7 AM Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to 7 AM Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

7 AM Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to 7 AM Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

7 AM Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> to 7 AM Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Fishers are reminded that Hale Passage is closed to fishing for gillnets as described on page 27 in the regulation pamphlet.

**Area 7B Bellingham Bay** will be open to purse seines from 7 AM to 8 PM on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Brailing is required and all sockeye, chum, and pink salmon must be released immediately. Purse Seines operating inside the area as described in Map F on page 27 of the regulation pamphlet are also required to release all coho while fishing in this area.

**Area 9A Port Gamble Bay** will be open to skiff gill nets limited to 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh size from Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6 AM, continuously until 8:00 PM Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

**Area 12A Quilcene Bay** will be open to beach seines not to exceed 600 feet in length or 100 meshes in depth, or contain meshes of a size less than 3 inches or greater than 4 inches from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released.

**Area 12A Quilcene Bay** will be open to skiff gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7 AM Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to 7 AM Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish. Fishers need to be aware that area 12A is closed to gillnets south of line running east from Point Whitney to Tabook Point.

If you suspect an error in this message or have questions please contact Jeromy Jording at (360) 902-2717. Thank you for calling the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife hotline for Puget Sound commercial fishing information.

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