

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message **Number 16**,

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[Read by: Chris Moran]

We have changed our web address from what is published in the pamphlet. It is now <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/salmon/>, it contains this hotline and updated information regarding Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries.

The final test catch of the Apple Cove (APC) Test Fishery was conducted on Wednesday, November 10th and a total of 168 chum, 1 Coho, and 0 Chinook were landed in 6 sets. The South Sound run size was adjusted to 540,000 chum.

Alert: Fishers need to be aware that Hood Canal (Areas 12, 12B, and 12C) and South Sound (Areas 10 and 11) are closed for fall chum fishing for 2010, as we have reached our available estimated shares.

For the week of November 14th – November 20th all areas are currently closed except for the following:

Area 7B Bellingham Bay is open 24 hrs per day from 7 AM Monday until 4PM Friday to gill nets using 6-¼ inch minimum mesh size continuously through December 2nd, and to purse seines using the 5-inch strip 24 hrs per day from 7 AM Monday until 4PM Friday through December 2nd.

The portion of Area 7B east of a line from Post Point to the flashing red light at the west entrance to Squalicum Harbor is open to commercial harvest continuously until 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 2nd.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size during the following dates and times:

6 AM to 6 PM Thursday, November 18th

6 AM to 4 PM Friday, November 19th.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 5 PM on Wednesday, November 17th. Chinook must be released.

A post season meeting for Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries will be scheduled in early December. Listen to this hotline later in November for the date, time, and location of the meeting.

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.