

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message **Number 10**,

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If you need a copy of the 2010 Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation pamphlet please contact (360) 902-2700 and ask for a copy or check our web site where one may be downloaded.

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.

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.

CRITICAL ALERT: All fishers need to be aware that Canada has determined the current run size of Fraser chum is 1 million or less which indicates a critical level. Pursuant to the Pacific Salmon Treaty, U.S. fisheries targeting Fraser chum will be closed during such a situation and so all Area 7 & 7A commercial openings are closed until further notice.

For the week of October 3rd – October 9th all areas are currently closed except for the following:

Area 6D Dungeness Bay is open to skiff gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size 7 AM to 7 PM daily, Monday through Friday each week continuing through Friday, October 22nd. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

Area 7B Bellingham Bay is open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size continuously through 8 PM October 30th, and to purse seines using the 5-inch strip continuously through 6 PM October 30th.

Area 8A Port Susan and Port Gardner will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size 6 PM Monday, October 4th to 8 AM Tuesday, October 5th.

Area 8A Port Susan and Port Gardner will be open to the purse seine vessel JOSIE J only. Open hours are 7 AM to 7 PM Monday, October 4th. Waters south of a line from Mukilteo Ferry dock to Clinton Ferry are closed to fishing. Chinook must be released.

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

6 PM Sunday, October 3rd to 8 AM Monday, October 4th
6 PM Monday, October 4th to 8 AM Thursday, October 7th
6 PM Thursday, October 7th to 8 AM Friday, October 8th.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 7 PM on Monday, October 4th. Chinook must be released.

Area 9A Port Gamble Bay is open to skiff gill nets limited to 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh size through Saturday, October 30th. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

If you suspect an error in this message or have questions please contact Jeremy 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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