

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message **Number 12**,

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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.

The second test catch of the Apple Cove (APC) Test Fishery was conducted on Wednesday, October 13th and a total of 1,549 chum, 25 Coho, and 1 Chinook were landed in 6 sets. There is not yet enough information to update the pre-season forecast of 651,000.

Alert: The Southern Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission has been notified by Canada that Fraser chum have been upgraded above the critical threshold and fall fisheries in Areas 7 & 7A will resume as scheduled in the 2010 preseason schedule.

For the week of October 17th – October 23rd 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.

Areas 7 and 7A San Juan Islands and Point Roberts are open to reef nets 5 AM to 9 PM daily continuously through Saturday, November 14th. All Chinook salmon, must be released. Fishers must have a Fish Friendly certification card within their immediate possession.

Areas 7 and 7A San Juan Islands and Point Roberts will be open to gill nets using 6-¼ inch minimum mesh daily from 7 AM to Midnight beginning Monday, October 18th through November 14th. Fishers must have a Fish Friendly certification card within their immediate possession.

Areas 7 and 7A San Juan Islands and Point Roberts are open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip daily from 7 AM to 6 PM beginning Monday, October 18th through November 14th. Brailing and recovery boxes are required and must be operating at all times to participate. Chinook and coho must be released and if injured or lethargic, placed in the recovery box for release after they have recovered. Fishers must have a Fish Friendly certification card within their immediate possession.

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

7 AM to 8 PM Thursday, October 21st

7 AM to 4 PM Friday, October 22nd.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 6 PM on Monday, October 18th. 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.

Areas 10 and 11 Seattle and Tacoma will be open to gill nets using 6 ¼ -inch minimum mesh during the following dates and times:

5 PM Tuesday, October 19th to 9 AM Wednesday, October 20th.

4 PM till 11:59 PM Wednesday, October 20th.

Areas 10 and 11 Seattle and Tacoma will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 6 PM on Monday, October 18th. Chinook and coho must be released.

Areas 12 and 12B Hood Canal will be open to gill nets using 6 ¼ -inch minimum mesh from 7 AM to 8 PM on Tuesday, October 19th and Thursday, October 21st.

Areas 12 and 12B Hood Canal will be open to purse seines using the 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 6 PM on Monday, October 18th. Chinook and wild coho must be released. Fishers must have a recovery box onboard and operating at all times to participate.

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.