

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message Number 10

Friday, September 23, 2011 at 11:00 AM.

For the period of September 25th – October 1st all non Fraser Panel controlled areas are currently closed except as follows:

Area 6D Dungeness Bay will be open to skiff gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7 AM to 7 PM daily Monday, September 26th through Friday, September 30th. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

Area 7 San Juan Islands will be open to reef nets from 5 AM to 9 PM Daily; Sunday, September 25th through Saturday, October 1st. Release all Chum, Sockeye, Pink, wild Chinook and wild coho through Friday, September 30th. Beginning Saturday, October 1st all Coho and Chum may be retained. Release all Chinook, Sockeye and Pink Salmon.

Area 7B Bellingham Bay will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size continuously through midnight Saturday, October 29th. Hales Pass is closed. Refer to page 21 of the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation Pamphlet for closure boundaries.

Area 7B Bellingham Bay will be open to purse seines with a 5-inch strip continuously through 6 PM Saturday, October 29th. Brailing and recovery box are required. All coho must be released within the Hales Pass closure area. Refer to page 21 of the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation Pamphlet for closure boundaries.

Area 8A Port Susan and Port Gardner will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size on the following dates and times:

6 PM Tuesday, September 27th to 8 AM Wednesday, September 28th
6 PM Wednesday, September 28th to 8 AM Thursday, September 29th

Area 8A Port Susan and Port Gardner (waters north of a line from the Mukilteo Ferry Dock to Clinton Ferry Dock only) will be open to purse seines with a 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 7 PM Monday, September 26th for vessels "CAPE FLATTERY" and "SEA PRIDE" only. Release Chinook and Chum.

Area 8D Tulalip Bay (waters west of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point) will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size on the following dates and times:

6 PM Sunday, September 25th to 8 AM Monday, September 26th
6 PM Monday, September 26th to 8 AM Thursday, September 29th
6 PM Thursday, September 29th to 8 AM Friday, September 30th

Area 8D Tulalip Bay will be open to purse seines with a 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 7 PM Monday, September 26th. Release Chinook.

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 continuously through 7 PM Saturday, October 29th. 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, from 7 AM to 7 PM Daily; Monday, September 26th through Friday, September 30th. Release all Chinook and chum.

Area 12A Quilcene Bay will be open to skiff gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7AM to 7PM Wednesday, September 28. Closed south of a line from Point Whitney to Tabook Point. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

If you suspect an error in this message, or if you have questions please contact Steve Thiesfeld at (360) 902-2715. Thank you for calling the WDFW hotline for Puget Sound commercial fishing information.

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