

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message **Number 15**

Tuesday, October 25<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at 12:30 PM.

**For the period of October 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 29<sup>th</sup> all 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, October 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

**Area 7 and 7A (San Juan Islands and Point Roberts)**

Reef nets will be open from 5 AM to 9 PM daily, continuously through 9PM, Saturday November 12th. Release all Chinook.

Gill nets using 6 ¼ inch mesh will be open from 7 AM to Midnight Daily; continuously through Midnight, Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Purse seines with 5-inch strip will be open from 7 AM to 6 PM Daily; continuously through Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Release Chinook and Coho. Brailing and recovery boxes are required.

**Area 7B (Bellingham Bay)**

Gill nets using 6 ¼ inch mesh will be open continuously through midnight Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Purse seines with a 5-inch strip will be open continuously through 6 PM Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Area 8D (Tulalip Bay) - Waters west of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point**

Gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size will be open on the following dates and times:

5 PM Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 9 AM Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

5 PM Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to 9 AM Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

5 PM Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> to 9 AM Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Purse seines with a 5-inch strip will be open from 7 AM to 6 PM Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. All Chinook salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

**Area 10 & 11 (Seattle and Tacoma)**

Gill nets using 6 ¼ inch mesh size will be open on the following dates and times:

5 PM Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

5 PM Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> to 9 AM Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Purse seines using 5-inch strip will be open from 7 AM to 6 PM Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Release Chinook and Coho.

**Area 12 & 12B (Hood Canal) “For Hood Canal fisheries only, please be advised that the Navy will be conducting military test operations from Hazel Point to Thorndyke Bay. Operations will consist of running course 024 °/204 ° true, mid-channel for a distance of 6.7 nautical miles with large Navy vessels over 100 ft in length and deployment of underwater equipment. Fishers are requested to maintain the 500 yard protection zone around Naval Vessels”**

Gill nets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh size will be open on the following dates and times:

7 AM to 8 PM Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

7 AM to 8 PM Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Purse seines with a 5-inch strip will be open from 7 AM to 6 PM Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Release Chinook.

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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