

**Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message Number 3,
Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 12:00 PM**

For the period of August 21th – August 27th all non Fraser Panel controlled areas are currently closed except as follow:

Area 7B and 7C Bellingham Bay and Samish Bay will be open to gill nets using 7-inch minimum mesh size during the following dates and times:

- 7 PM Sunday, August 21st to 8 AM Monday, August 22nd.
- 7 PM Monday, August 22nd to 8 AM Tuesday, August 23rd.
- 7 PM Tuesday, August 23rd to 8 AM Wednesday, August 24th.
- 7 PM Wednesday, August 24th to 8 AM Thursday, August 25th.

Area 7B and 7C Bellingham Bay and Samish Bay will be open to purse seines with a 5-inch strip from 6 AM to 8 PM on Wednesday, August 24th. Brailing and recovery box are required and all coho must be released.

Area 8 Skagit Bay will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum 5 ½ inch maximum mesh size, 60 meshes deep, during the following dates and times:

- 5 AM to 11 PM Tuesday, August 23rd.
- 5 AM to 11 PM Thursday, August 25th.

Area 8 Skagit Bay will be open to purse seines during the following dates and times:

- 6 AM to 8 PM Monday, August 22nd.
- 6 AM to 8 PM Wednesday, August 24th.
- Release Chinook, sockeye and chum.

Area 8A Port Susan and Port Gardner, waters north of line from Mukilteo Ferry Dock to Clinton Ferry Dock only, will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum 5 ½ inch maximum mesh size, during the following dates and times:

- 5 AM to 11 PM Monday, August 22nd.
- 5 AM to 11 PM Wednesday, August 24th.

Area 8A Port Susan and Port Gardner, waters north of line from Mukilteo Ferry Dock to Clinton Ferry Dock only, will be open to purse seines during the following dates and times:

- 6 AM to 8 PM Tuesday, August 23rd.
- 6 AM to 8 PM Thursday, August 25th.
- Release Chinook, sockeye and chum.

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 from 7 AM Sunday, August 21st continuously through 7 PM Saturday, October 29th. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

Area 10 Seattle will be open to purse seine vessels SOUND STAR, HARBOR GEM, NEW OREGON, and Tradition, with a 5-inch strip, from 6 AM to 8 PM on the following dates:

- Monday, August 22nd.
- Wednesday, August 24th.

Brailing or rolling wedge and recovery boxes are required and must be operating at all times to participate. All non-pink salmonids must be released and if injured or lethargic, be placed in the recovery box for release after they have recovered. A Department observer is required on board to participate.

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, August 22rd through Friday, August 26th. Release all salmon except coho.

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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