

**Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline**

**Message Number 5,**

**Friday, September 2, 2011 at 12:00 PM.**

**For the period of September 4th – September 10th all non Fraser Panel controlled areas are currently closed except as follow:**

**Area 7B Bellingham Bay** will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7 AM Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> to 7 AM Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. **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 from 7 AM to 8 PM on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 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 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 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Release all Chinook and chum.

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.