



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

week 34

No. 2012-3

Friday, August 17, 2012 at 12:00 noon

[read by: Kendall Henry]

A draft copy of the 2012 Puget Sound commercial salmon regulations is now available on WDFW's website. The final version will be mailed out to all Puget Sound commercial salmon permit holders and posted on the website as soon as it is available.

For the week of August 19th – August 25th all non-Fraser Panel controlled areas are closed except as follows:

Areas 7B (Bellingham Bay) and 7C (Samish Bay) will be open to:

Gillnets using 7-inch minimum mesh size:

7 PM Sunday, August 19th to 8 AM Monday, August 20th.

7 PM Monday, August 20th to 8 AM Tuesday, August 21st.

7 PM Tuesday, August 21st to 8 AM Wednesday, August 22nd.

7 PM Wednesday, August 22nd to 8 AM Thursday August 23rd.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday August 22nd from 6 AM to 8 PM.

Purse seines must release all coho.

Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay) will be open to skiff gillnets, with nets not to exceed 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh, beginning 7 AM Sunday, August 19 and open continuously through 7 PM Saturday, October 27. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 12A (Quilcene Bay) will be open to beach seines daily 7 AM to 7 PM, with nets not to exceed 990 feet in length and 200 meshes in depth using minimum 3-inch and maximum 4-inch mesh, beginning Tuesday, August 21 through Friday, August 24.

2012 Limited Participation Fisheries:

Any fishers wishing to have their name entered in the lottery fishery drawing for Area 8A coho must send in their entry forms no later than August 20th. These forms were sent out to all Puget Sound commercial salmon permit holders during the week of July 18th. Other possible fisheries where full-fleet participation may need to be limited will be determined in-season and fishers may submit entry forms for all other areas at anytime.

Fishers are reminded that a department issued **Fish Friendly certification card is required** to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries.

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please contact Kendall Henry, the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Manager, at 360-902-2717.

Thank you for calling the commercial fisheries hotline.