



## PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

No. 2013-2  
Wednesday, August 7 at 2:00 p.m.  
[read by: Kendall Henry]

**For the week beginning Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

7 PM Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

7 PM Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Purse seines** with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 AM to 9 PM.

Purse seines must release all coho.

### **Area 10 Limited Participation Pink Fishery:**

All Puget Sound Commercial permit holders were mailed a limited participation entry form with information on how to pursue participation in these fisheries during the last week in May. Drawings for the Area 10 limited participation pink fishery occurred on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We have contacted all the boats selected for the fishery. In cases where the selected boat has chosen not to participate, we are contacting the selected alternates and the hotline will be updated with the names of those vessels.

Area 10 Seattle will be open for the selected purse seine vessels only on Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 7 PM. Selected purse seine vessels are the Adventurous, Tradition, Margaret J, and Arctic Fox. Department observers are required on board all vessels. Purse seines must release Chinook, chum, sockeye, and coho. Brailing or rolling wedge and recovery boxes are required and must be operational at all times.

Area 10 Seattle will be open for selected gillnet vessels only from 7 PM Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup> to 7 AM Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>. Selected gillnet vessels are Njord and Long Island II. Department observers are required on board all vessels. Gillnets must release Chinook, chum, sockeye, and coho. Soak times are limited to 90 minutes (first mesh in to last mesh out) and operational recovery boxes are required. Mesh requirements are minimum 4 ½ inch and maximum 5 ½ inch mesh.

**Area 7 and 7A sockeye fisheries** are controlled by the Fraser River Panel and not posted on this hotline. Fishers should call the **National Marine Fisheries Service Hotline at 1-800-662-9825** to get opening information on Fraser Panel fisheries. 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.