

PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

2019-04 Week 34 Friday August 16, at 4:30 p.m.

For the week beginning Sunday August 18th all 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 18th to 8 AM Monday, August 19th.

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

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

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

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Wednesday August 21st from 6 AM to 8 PM.

Brailing is required and 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, is open continuously through 7 PM Saturday, November 2nd. All Chinook and chum must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Area 12A (Quilcene Bay) will be open to:

Beach seines with nets not to exceed 990 feet in length and 200 meshes in depth using minimum 3-inch and maximum 4-inch mesh:

7 AM to 7 PM daily: Tuesday August, 20th, Wednesday, August 21st, Thursday, August 22nd

Beach seines may only retain coho.

Area 12C within the Hoodsport Hatchery Zone will be open to:

Beach seines with nets not to exceed 990 feet in length and 200 meshes in depth using minimum 3-inch and maximum 4-inch mesh:

7 AM to 7 PM daily, Tuesday August 20th and Thursday August 22nd Beach seines must release all chum and sockeye.

Participation is limited to those with a department issued beach seine permit and all rules and regulations associated with that permit remain in effect.

Area 7 and 7A sockeye fisheries are controlled by the Fraser River Panel and are 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.