



PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

2019-18

Week 43 UPDATE

Tuesday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m.

****WDFW has scheduled a conference call for this Thursday, October 24 at 3pm to discuss the current seasons chum fisheries. WDFW will send out current catches to date and updated test fishing information prior to the call on Thursday.****

Conference number: (360) 407-3780 PIN Code: 539924 #

For the remainder of the week beginning Sunday October 20, all areas are closed except as follows:

Area 6D (Dungeness Bay) will be open to:

Skiff gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh:

7 AM to 7 PM: Tuesday, October 22 - Friday, October 25

All Chinook must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

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

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size:

Open continuously through Midnight, November 2

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

Open continuously through 6 PM, November 2

Area 8D (Tulalip Bay west of a line from Mission Beach to Hermosa Point) will be open to:

Gillnets using 5-inch minimum mesh size:

5 PM Monday, October 21 - 9 AM Thursday, October 24

5 PM Thursday, October 24 - 9 AM Friday, October 25

Purse seines with a 5-inch strip:

7 AM to 6 PM: Tuesday October 22. Purse seines must release all Chinook

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 2. All Chinook must be released by cutting the ensnaring mesh.

Areas 10 & 11 (Seattle and Tacoma) will be open to:

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:

5 PM Thursday, October 24 - 9 AM Friday, October 25

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

7 AM – 6 PM, Wednesday, October 23. Purse seines must release all Chinook and Coho.

****Navigation Rules Notice for Areas 10 and 11: Rule 10 (i): A vessel engaged in fishing shall not impede the passage of any vessel following a traffic lane.****

If you suspect an error in this message or if you have questions, please 360-902-2717.

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/salmon/>

Areas 12 & 12B (Hood Canal) will be open to:

Gillnets using 6 ¼ inch minimum mesh:

7 AM - 8 PM, Thursday, October 24

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip:

7 AM – 6 PM, Wednesday, October 23. Purse seines must release all Chinook.

Please note the Hazel Point/Misery Point area is closed to PURSE SEINES.