

PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

2020-04 Week 34 Saturday August 15

For the week beginning Sunday August 16th 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 16 to 8 AM Monday, August 17 7 PM Monday, August 17 to 8 AM Tuesday, August 18. 7 PM Tuesday, August 18 to 8 AM Wednesday, August 19. 7 PM Wednesday, August 19 to 8 AM Thursday August 20.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip: Brailing is required, and purse seines must release all coho.

Wednesday August 19 from 6 AM to 8 PM.

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, October 31. 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: Beach seines may only retain coho.

7 AM to 7 PM daily: Tuesday, August 18 Wednesday, August 19 Thursday, August 20

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: Monday, August 17 Wednesday, August 19

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.