

PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERIES HOTLINE

For the week beginning Sunday August 23rd 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 23 to 8 AM Monday, August 24 7 PM Monday, August 24 to 8 AM Tuesday, August 25. 7 PM Tuesday, August 25 to 8 AM Wednesday, August 26. 7 PM Wednesday, August 26 to 8 AM Thursday August 27.

Purse seines with a 5 inch strip: Brailing is required, and purse seines must release all coho. 6 AM to 8 PM Wednesday August 26

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: Monday, August 24 Tuesday, August 25 Wednesday, August 26 Thursday, August 27 Friday, August 28

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 24 Wednesday, August 26

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.

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