

**This is the Suquamish Tribe Fisheries Department Marine Fish hotline update for Monday, Oct 12.**

Commercial Fishery opportunities are summarized in the following announcement. Specific area and gear restrictions follow opening information.

**CHUM:**

**AREA 10:**

Area 10 (Mid Puget Sound) is currently open for commercial coho fishing, however is scheduled to close this Friday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm until further notice:

The Chum test fishery will happen each Wed, and will be evaluated by fisheries managers each Friday to discuss if the returning runsize is large enough to sustain chum fisheries. Area 10 will remain closed to fishing until that determination is met.

**AREA 9 (NHC):**

Area 9 N. Hood Canal Chum fishing is scheduled to begin at 8 AM on SUN Oct 17.

The schedule for gillnet fishing will be as follows:

OPEN: 8 AM SUN Oct 17

CLOSE: 8 AM WED Oct 20

RE-OPENS: 8 AM SUN Oct 24

CLOSE: 8 AM THURS Oct 28

RE-OPENS: 8 AM SUN Oct 31

CLOSE: 8 AM WED Nov 3

**Area 6,7,7A (Fraser R./San Juan Island):**

**Canada's chum test fishing has concluded that the returning population is currently less than 1 million fish, which is need to open fisheries in this area. This fishery will be re-evaluated again on Oct. 22.**

**COHO:**

**AREA 10A/80B:**

Commercial Coho fishing is still open in Elliott Bay (10A)/Duwamish R. (80B) however the incentive program for this fishery has now ended as of Friday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Should You have any questions, please feel free to call the Fisheries Office at 360-394-8450 M-F 8-430 PM. The schedule for this fishery will be as follows:

***CLOSE: EB is scheduled to close 12 Noon, FRI, Oct 15, 2021  
This area will reopen for Chum fishing at 8 AM on Sun, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>  
and remain on a Sun-Fri schedule***

**LEGAL GEAR: GILLNETS ONLY; TWO HAND-PULLED SET NETS PER BOAT, IN RIVER;  
OR ONE MECHANICALLY PULLED DRIFT NET PER BOAT, IN BAY**

**HAND PULLED ONLY ZONES;** DUWAMISH RIVER: 2 NETS PER PERSON PER BOAT, **300 FEET** MAX. LENGTH EACH NET AND NOT TO EXCEED 1/3 OF THE WETTED WATERWAY

**MECHANICAL ZONES;** MECHANICALLY PULLED DRIFT NETS WITH A MAXIMUM LENGTH OF **1,200 FT** WITHIN THE WATERS OF ELLIOTT BAY

**RESTRICTIONS:**

- 1) THE 1000 FT. CLOSURE AT THE END OF THE EAST AND WEST WATERWAYS REMAIN IN EFFECT
- 2) Due to site construction by the Port of Seattle, a portion of the Western side of the Duwamish waterway will be closed to fishing. This consists of a section 250 ft out fr the western portion of the D. Waterway starting at 675 ft fr the mouth of the waterway upstream all the way to the first bend in the waterway. Please call the Fisheries Off,. Or speak to the Fisheries Monitors regarding this closure should you choose to fish within the western portion of the Duwamish Waterway
- 3) REAMINS CLOSED OUTSIDE A LINE FROM PIER 91 TO THE LIGHT AT THE DUWAMISH HEAD
- 4) RIVER REMAINS CLOSED UPSTREAM OF THE SPOKANE ST. BRIDGE
- 5) RIVER FISHING: TWO NETS PER FISHER PER BOAT

***AREA 10F (LK WA Ship Canal):***

The Ship Canal is scheduled to close for fishing this Friday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

***AREA 10E (On-Reservation):***

On-Res is open for commercial coho fishing

**GEAR: Gillnets/Beach seines:**

Drift Nets/Set Nets; Max. mesh size of 5 inches, Max. length of 600 FT.

Beach Seines; Max. length of 600 FT.

Hook and Line

**FISHING SCHEDULE:**

**Open 7 Days/Week until further notice**

**AREA RESTRICTIONS:**

**Area 10 waters:** Waters east of the President's Point/Jeff Head area, including Miller Bay, remain closed.

**Area 10E waters:** West of the Agate Pass Bridge and north of a line from Battle Point due west to landfall shall be open. Liberty Bay west of Lemolo remains closed. Dyes Inlet remains closed. Sinclair Inlet remains closed.

**As a reminder Fishermen should call/TXT in their catch daily to 360-340-0325 and please include all Take Home fish at the bottom of their commercial fish ticket.**

**Thank you!**

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**Subsistence Fisheries:**

**Please call the fisheries office for information on subsistence fisheries. (360) 394-8445**

**As a reminder Fishermen should call in their catch daily. Thank you!**

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**Subsistence Fisheries:**

There are Fresh and Saltwater Subsistence Fisheries opportunities open for currently enrolled SUQ Tribal Members with a validated fisheries identification card. Please call the SUQ Fisheries Office at 360-394-8437 more the specifics on these fisheries.

Saltwater:

**ROCKFISH:** Harvest of bottomfish for subsistence purposes shall be subject to the following restrictions and daily bag limits;

- 1) Lingcod, all open areas - 4 lingcod per fisher per day.
- 2) Rockfishes, all open areas - Open year round, 4 fish daily bag limit
- 3) Areas 26B, 26C closed to the harvest of pacific cod.
- 4) Flounders, dabs and sole, all open areas - 6 fish daily bag limit
- 5) The following areas are closed due to human health concerns associated with the consumption of resident fishes:
  - a) That portion of area 26C west of a line projected from the cable crossing sign at point Herron 90 degrees SW to the cable crossing sign at landfall near Waterman.
  - b) That portion of 26B west of a line projected from Wing point to the entrance light at Eagle Harbor.

**SALMON:** Tribal members are permitted to take up to **6** salmon per day in Areas 6,7, 7A, 9, 10, 10A, and 10E.

**LEGAL GEAR:** Hook and line (rod and reel with no more than two (2) hooks)

**General Saltwater Sportfishing** for cutthroat trout, smelt, and other game or food fish is also open through the end of the year.

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Freshwater:

Freshwater subsistence is open for tribal fishers in all Westside lakes, streams, and rivers. Fishers must follow Washington State Fish & Wildlife rules and regulations for ALL freshwater systems as outlined in the most current year's recreational fishing pamphlet available at the Fisheries office. A valid tribal ID and fishing sticker must be in possession at all times. Per the Tribal Fishing Ordinance, any subsistence catch must be reported to the Fisheries Office at 394-8445.