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FILING ORGANIZATION: SUQUAMISH TRIBE
AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS: WDFW, NWIFC, PSNS, VTS, WSDOT

REGULATION NUMBER: 23-31F
REGULATION SUPERCEDE/MODIFIED: 23-14F
DATE ADOPTED: September 22, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATES: Sept. 22, 2023
FISHERY TYPE: Commercial
SPECIES: Chinook Salmon
CATCH AREAS: Marine Catch Area 10E (Sinclair Inlet)

LEGAL GEAR:

BEACH SEINES: One hand-pulled beach seine per boat, max. length of 600 feet.
GILLNETS: Two hand-pulled set nets per boat; or one mechanically pulled drift net per boat, minimum stretch mesh of 6 1/4 inches;

LEGAL FISHING AREA:

SINCLAIR INLET: The Inlet is separated into 3 zones:
Zone #1: Defined as west of a line from the mouth of Gorst Creek to the northern-most set of pilings in front of the rock quarry marked by the “No Gillnet Fishing Boundary” sign (otherwise known as the Mud Flats): This SW portion of Sinclair Inlet will be open to hand-pulled beach seines AND gillnets/set nets ALL with a max length of 600 feet. Fishers are required to be “**actively working**” their gear during the tidal changes so that no stranding of gear or vessels occurs, otherwise if you or your gear gets stuck or left behind on the mud flats, expect a warning or citation (and may include gear seizure). The second infraction could mean loss of fishing privileges within this Zone for the rest of the season.
ZONE #2: From the “No Gillnet Fishing Boundary” piling in front of the rock quarry and due south to the mouth of Anderson Creek eastward to the sewage treatment plant on the HWY side and due south to Ross Point: open for all gear types: GN/SN with a max length of 900 ft and BS with a max length of 600 ft.
ZONE #3: From the sewage treatment plant due south to Ross Point eastward toward Pt Orchard and north to Illahee State Park and southeasterly toward Retsil Dock: Open to All gear: GN/SN with a maximum length of **1,800 ft**; Beach Seines with a max. length of 600ft. (A 1,000 ft closure remains in effect around the mouths of Blackjack and Ross Creeks for ALL gear types).

FISHING SCHEDULE:

ALL GEAR: CLOSURES: **12:00 Noon FRI., SEPT 22nd**

COMMENTS: Harvestable Hatchery Chinook.

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