

This is the Suquamish FinFish hotline for Monday, October 7, 2024

For all salmon, halibut, ground fish and baitfish openings, you must read regulations online, on the Fisheries web page.

<https://suquamish.nsn.us/home/departments/fisheries/tribal-fishing-hunting/>

Commercial CHINOOK Openings:

NO scheduled openings currently

Commercial Sockeye Openings:

NO scheduled openings currently

Commercial COHO Openings:

The Suquamish Tribe's commercial Coho fishery opened in ***Elliott Bay (Area 10A)*** on September 3rd. The schedule and regulations for this fishery will be as follows:

OPEN: 8 AM, Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Will remain open 7 Days/Week until further notice

LEGAL GEAR:

BAY: GILLNETS ONLY: One Mechanically pulled drift net per boat, in bay, Two hand-pulled set nets per boat; or one mechanically pulled drift net per boat, minimum stretch mesh of 5 inches; maximum net length of 1,200 ft.

Skiffs: Minimum stretch mesh of 5 inches; maximum net length of 300 ft.

The Suquamish Tribe's commercial Coho fishery opened in ***Duwamish River (Area 80B)*** on September 8th. The schedule and regulations for this fishery will be as follows:

OPEN: 8 AM, Sunday, October 6, 2024

CLOSE: 12 PM, Friday, October 11, 2024

Open Weekly from 8 AM Sundays thru 12 PM Fridays

LEGAL GEAR:

RIVER: SET GILLNETS: Fishers are allowed 2 nets per fisher, minimum stretch mesh of 5 inches; maximum net length of 300 ft or 1/3 the width of the wetted waterway.

The Suquamish Tribe's commercial Coho fishery opened in ***Bellingham/Padilla Bays (Area 7B)*** on September 8th. The schedule and regulations for this fishery will be as follows:

OPEN: 8 AM, Sunday, October 6, 2024

CLOSE: 4 PM, Saturday, October 12, 2024

Open Weekly from 8 AM Sundays thru 4 PM Saturdays

LEGAL GEAR:

GILLNETS: One net per fisher, minimum stretch mesh of 5 inches;
purse seines

The Suquamish Tribe's commercial Coho fishery opened in **Marine Area 10** on September 8th. The schedule and regulations for this fishery will be as follows:

OPEN: 8 AM, Sunday, October 6, 2024

CLOSE: 6 PM, Saturday, October 12, 2024

Open Weekly from 8 AM Sundays thru 6 PM Saturdays

LEGAL GEAR:

GILLNETS: One net per fisher, minimum stretch mesh of 5 inches,
maximum length of 330 fathoms; purse seines

PURSE SEINES: Maximum net length of 330 fathoms

The Suquamish Tribe's commercial Coho fishery opened in **Area 10E (On Reservation Only- Limited)** on September 6th. The schedule and regulations for this fishery will be as follows:

OPEN: 7 AM, Friday, September 6, 2024

Will remain open 7 days/ week until further notice

LEGAL GEAR:

GILLNETS/ BEACH SEINES: Drift Nets/Set Nets; Maximum mesh size
of 5 inches, Maximum length of 600 ft. Minimum Distance of 150 ft.
between adjacent nets.

Beach Seines; Maximum length of 600 ft.

Hook and Line (up to six (6) hooks per vessel)

Commercial CHUM Openings:

The Suquamish Tribe's commercial Chum fishery opens in **Marine Area 10** on October 13th. The schedule and regulations for this fishery will be as follows:

OPEN: 8 AM, Sunday, October 13, 2024

Will remain open 7 days/ week until further notice

LEGAL GEAR:

GILLNETS: One net per fisher, minimum stretch mesh of 6 inches,
maximum length of 330 fathoms

PURSE SEINES: Maximum net length of 330 fathoms

As a reminder ALL fishers 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!

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!

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 360-394-8438/8450 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.

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.