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

REGULATION NUMBER: 26-17F
REGULATION SUPERCEDE/MODIFIED: NONE
DATE ADOPTED: JULY 15, 2026
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EFFECTIVE DATES: July 19 – Sept. 11, 2026 (with poss. extension thru the end of Sept)
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: OPEN: **12:00 Noon SUNDAY**, JULY 19th
7 DAYS A WEEK

CLOSED: **12:00 Noon FRI.**, SEPT 11th

After **Sept. 11th** Zone 3 will close in order to protect wild salmon populations on smaller stream systems which are NOT hatchery enhanced. ***ONLY*** the southwestern most areas of Sinclair Inlet (Zones 1 & 2 from Ross Point across to the sewage treatment plan on the HWY 3 side and southwest towards the mouth of Gorst Creek may remain open for fishing pending interest and market demand. All other areas of Sinclair Inlet shall be closed to fishing, unless specifically opened by a separate regulation

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

1) That portion of Dyes Inlet north of the Mannette Bridge shall remain closed

2) The security zone around the naval shipyard shall remain closed as well as a 300 ft radius around any anchored vessel

3) With the exception of actively fished beach seines in the saltwater, a 1,000 ft radius closure, measured at mean low water around the mouth of all streams shall remain in effect; no fishing within the stream channel is permitted at any time (this includes chasing or herding fish downstream out of the stream into nets or knowingly fishing in freshwater)

4) Setnets shall not be attached to or left on piers, docks, bulkheads or channel markers without prior permission of the owners or Tribal Fisheries Department.

5) ALL actively fished nets must be clearly marked on both ends with the Fisher's Tribal identification number and have a properly functioning jacklight attached to at least one end of the net for drift GN (opposite end from the fishing vessel) OR two lights for SN (one on either end) if set out overnight

6) A distance of 200 ft must be maintained between individual gillnet sets: nets may NOT be attached to one another in order to extend lengths

7) Only one vessel per tribal member is eligible for mitigation moorage at the Port Orchard Marina.

8) All tribal vessels moored in Port Orchard Marina must be actively fished.

9) No "live-a-board" vessels are authorized at any mitigation moorage marina.

10) Tribal vessels utilizing mitigation moorage must be able to get underway using their own power.

11) Fishers should report ALL marine mammal encounters

12) Additional net identification marking rule: Set nets: every tenth cork shall be labeled with the fisher's ID number; Drift nets: Every 100th cork or float shall be labeled with the fisher's ID number.

COMMENTS: Harvestable Hatchery Chinook.

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