

GET READY FOR JANUARY SALMON

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Marine Area 7 – San Juan Islands

Area 7 will remain open until April 30th 2012. The San Juan's benefit from the northward migration of Washington fin-clipped Chinook and Fraser River fish dipping down from British Columbia. Many of the BC Salmon are wild, so while you must release them, you get a great fight. Daily limit is 2 fin-clipped Chinook.

Marine Area 8-1

Area 8-1 will remain open until April 30th 2012. This area will also be on the migration path of our hatchery Chinook. Daily limit is 2 fin-clipped Chinook.

Marine Area 8-2

Much the same as Area 8-1. Good areas to fish are the south side of Gedney Island, the reef that runs from the north side of Gedney Island to Camano Head (more commonly known as "The Race Track"). Daily limit is 2 fin-clipped Chinook.

Area 9 – Admiralty Inlet

Area 9 opens on January 16th, 2012. This is perhaps one of the heaviest fished areas for winter blackmouth. Prime fishing areas include Possession Point, and Point No Point (fish Pt No Pt on the ebb tide), fish Pt No Pt south to Apple Cove Point on the incoming tide. Also, weather permitting, Mid Channel Bank at Port Townsend. Daily limit is 2 fin-clipped Chinook.

Area 10 – Seattle Bremerton Area

This area closes January 31, 2012. Fishing is good right now and will remain so until it closes. The prime area is in front of Kingston. Daily limit is 2 fin-clipped Chinook.

Area 11 – Tacoma – Vashon Island

This area doesn't reopen until February 1, 2012.

Area 12

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Area 13 – South Puget Sound

Open January 1 to April 30, 2012. Fair for small blackmouth. Daily limit is 1 fin-clipped Chinook