

Nooksack River 2016 Salmon Commercial and Subsistence Fishing Schedule

During all salmon management periods (August 1-December 7), that area of the river from the Marine Drive Bridge, then upriver to the Slater Road Bridge, is closed to set nets. Drift nets may only be used in this area of the river.

In an agreement with the Lummi Nation, the Nooksack Tribe opens at 12:01 AM, Sunday, on a weekly basis, while the Lummi Nation opens at 4:00 PM, Sunday, throughout all salmon management periods (August 1- December 7).

That area of the river from the "Big Bend" in the river, which is the first 90 degree bend in the river, located about ¼ mile upriver from Slater Bridge, then downriver to Marine Drive Bridge, remains closed until 4:00 Sunday, on a weekly basis, throughout all salmon management periods.

Chinook salmon Management (August 1-September 3)

In order to protect migrating spring Chinook salmon, during the week of August 1-6, the river is only open from Slater Road Bridge, then downriver to Marine Drive Bridge.

Minimum gillnet stretch mesh size is 6-1/4," during river and marine Chinook management period.

August 1-6: The River opens at 4:00 PM, Monday, August 1th and close at 4:00 PM, Saturday, August 6th.

Aug. 7-13: At 12:01 AM, Sunday, August 7rd, the river is open from that area of the river from the "Big Bend," then upriver to the Hannegan Bridge in Lynden. The river will open downriver from the "Big Bend," then to the Marine Drive Bridge at 4:00 PM, Sunday, August 7rd. The river will close at 4:00 PM, Saturday, August 13th.

Aug. 14-20: At 12:01 AM, Sunday, the river is open from the Big Bend, then upriver to Nugent's Corner Bridge. As in all weeks, the river will open downriver from the Big Bend, then to the Marine Drive Bridge at 4:00 PM, Sunday. River closes at 4:00 PM, Saturday, August 20th.

Aug. 21-27: At 12:01 AM, Sunday, the river is open from the Big Bend, then upriver the tribal auto shop (large blue pole building) on the Tribe's west side property. The river will open downriver from the Big Bend, then to the Marine Drive Bridge at 4:00 PM, Sunday. River closes at 4:00 PM, Saturday, August 27th.

Aug. 28- Sept. 5: At 12:01 AM, Sunday, the river is open from the Big Bend, then upriver to the blue pole building on the tribe's west side property. The river will open downriver from the Big Bend, then to the Marine Drive Bridge at 4:00 PM, Sunday. River closes at 4:00 PM, Saturday, September 3th.

Coho Salmon Management (September 4–October 22)

Open weekly from 12:01 AM, Sunday, to 4:00 PM, Saturday, the river is open from the Big Bend, then upriver to the blue tribal auto shop pole building, through September 17. Starting September 18, the river then opens upriver to the confluence of the north and south forks.

The area of the river from the blue pole building, then upriver to the confluence of the north and south forks, is closed through September 17th to protect migrating Spring Chinook. Spring Chinook are currently listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Minimum gillnet stretch mesh size is 5," during the river and marine Coho management period.

The river opens downriver to the Marine Drive Bridge at 4:00 PM, Sunday, on a weekly basis, throughout the Coho management period.

Chum Salmon Management (October 23 to December 7)

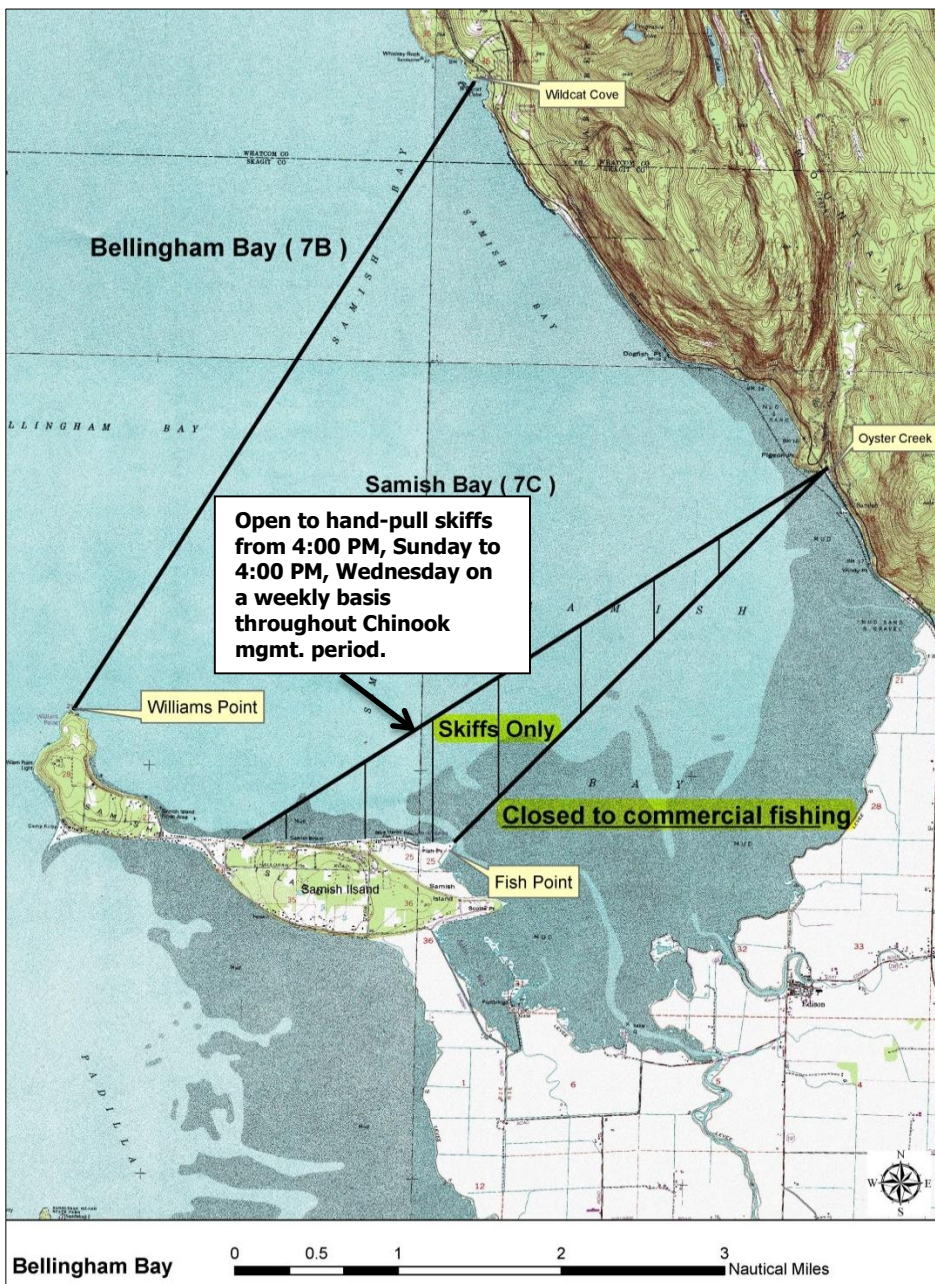
Minimum gillnet stretch mesh size is 6-1/4," during the river and marine Chum management period.

Open weekly from 12:01 AM, Sunday to 4:00 PM, Wednesday, from the Big Bend, then upriver to the confluence of the North and South Forks.

Opens downriver to the Marine Drive Bridge at 4:00 PM, Sunday, on a weekly basis, throughout the Chum management period.

Bellingham and Samish Bay 2016 Weekly Commercial and Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule

Samish Bay is closed southeasterly of a line from Oyster Creek to the fisheries marker on Samish Island, except that hand pull gillnets may fish from 4:00 PM, Sunday to 4:00 PM, Wednesday, on a weekly basis, south to a line from Oyster Creek to Fish Point on Samish Island, from August 3rd through September 14th (see the chart below).



7B- Bellingham Bay Chinook salmon mgmt. period

(August 1-September 2)

- On a weekly basis, opens at 4:00 PM, Sunday and closes at 4:00 PM, Friday.

7C- Samish Bay Chinook salmon mgmt. period

(August 1-September 16)

- On a weekly basis, opens at 4:00 PM, Sunday and closes at 4:00 PM, Friday.

7B- Bellingham Bay Coho Salmon Management period

(September 4 –October 22)

- On a weekly basis, opens at 4:00 Sunday and closes at 4:00 PM, Saturday.

7B- Bellingham Bay Chum Salmon Management period

(October 23-December 7)

- On a weekly basis, Bellingham Bay opens at 4:00 PM, Sunday and closes at 4:00 PM, Wednesday.

The fishing schedule listed here is tentative, while it's unlikely that the fishing schedule will change, it's the fisherman's responsibility to check the fishing and shellfish information hotline. The hotline is updated as necessary to reflect any changes to the commercial and subsistence fishing schedule. The information hotline number is **(360) 592-5140**.