

Marine Area 8-1 Map



① Deception Pass (Octopus Protection Area): CLOSED to the harvest of OCTOPUS.

Chinook

Jaw- dark mouth and black gums at the base of its large, sharp teeth. Immature Chinook are known as a "blackmouth."

Tail- both the upper and lower lobes of the tail are covered with spots and silver is prominent.



Pink

Jaw- mouth of a pink is white, but the gums and tongue are black, as they are in a Chinook. It does not have "teeth" on its tongue.

Tail- is covered with large oval spots. It does not have silver on the tail. The scales are very small compared to other salmon.



Marine Area 8-1 - Deception Pass, Hope Island, and Skagit Bay

(From West Point to Reservation Head eastward through Deception Pass, including all waters of Swinomish Slough and Skagit Bay, and the portion of Saratoga Passage north and west of a line from East Point Light to light on Camano Island (Saratoga Pass light #4 Fl Red 4 Sec))

SPECIES	SEASON	ADDITIONAL RULES
SALMON - ENTIRE AREA	Nov. 1-Apr. 30	CHINOOK - min. size 22". Other SALMON species - no min. size. Daily limit 1. Release COHO and wild CHINOOK. Season may close earlier if CHINOOK guideline is attained.
TROUT	Year-round	Catch-and-release except up to 2 hatchery STEELHEAD may be retained.
STURGEON	Year-round	Catch-and-release.
MACKEREL	Year-round	No min. size. No daily limit.
HERRING, ANCHOVY, SARDINE, SAND LANCE, SMELT	Year-round	No min. size. Daily limit 10 lbs., all species combined. All SMELT caught must be kept and count toward the daily limit except CLOSED to Columbia River SMELT (eulachon). For SMELT: Jig gear may be used 7 days a week. Dipnets may be used from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Fridays through Tuesdays.
PACIFIC HALIBUT	Check the WDFW website at wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/creel/halibut or call (360) 902-2700 in April 2018 for information on PACIFIC HALIBUT seasons and regulations. No min. size. Daily limit 1. Descending device required onboard vessels.	
BOTTOMFISH	Year-round season. Daily limit is a total of 15 BOTTOMFISH (see definition page 10) regardless of species, subject to individual limits and seasons shown below. Fishing for BOTTOMFISH prohibited in waters deeper than 120 feet. Descending device required onboard vessels.	
LINGCOD	May 1-June 15 May 21-June 15	Hook and line season. Min. size 26". Max. size 36". Daily limit 1. Spearfishing season. Max. size 36". Daily limit 1.
SURFPERCH	Year-round	No min. size. Daily limit 10. Except SHINER PERCH daily limit 15: not included in BOTTOMFISH limit.
ROCKFISH	CLOSED	CLOSED to fishing for, retaining, or possessing.
PACIFIC COD, POLLOCK, HAKE, and WOLF-EEL	Year-round	CLOSED to retention.
SIXGILL, SEVENGILL, and THRESHER SHARKS	CLOSED	CLOSED to fishing for, retaining, or possessing. SIXGILL SHARK may not be removed from the water.
CABEZON	May 1-Nov. 30	Min. size 18". Daily limit 1.
OTHER FOOD FISH	Year-round	No min. size. Daily limit 2 of each species. See definition page 11.
ALL OTHER FISH	CLOSED	CLOSED to fishing for, retaining, or possessing.

BOTTOMFISH



Pacific Cod

Brown to grey body with lighter mottling. Three fins on back and a large "whisker" under lower jaw. Also called true cod and grey cod.



Pacific Hake

Body dark or silver grey becoming silvery below. Two fins on back, the second being deeply notched. Black inside mouth. Large mouth with sharp teeth. Also called whiting.



Cabezon

Body olive green to grey with lighter mottling. Two fins on back. Skin flap between nostrils. Small teeth.



Walleye Pollock

Body brown with mottling, usually with several stripes along the body. Three fins on back. The "whisker" under lower jaw is absent or very small. Large eye with small pupil.

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