PUGET SOUND SALMON

First Trip Checklist

- [ ] Choose one target species and one marine area. Use WDFW's directory to begin the location check.
- [ ] Read the current marine-area rules and emergency changes for your fishing position.
- [ ] Review WDFW's fishing-license choices and eligibility guidance.
- [ ] Get the salmon catch record card and read its recording instructions.
- [ ] Check parking, launch payment and any land-access pass with the facility.
- [ ] Review Washington State Parks' boater education card eligibility and exemptions.
- [ ] Confirm the facility suits your boat; Seacrest is hand-carry access.
- [ ] Check the ferry sailing and WSDOT Travel Center Map if they affect your approach.
- [ ] Read the relevant marine forecast and check station timestamps.
- [ ] Review tide and current products separately for the planned water.
- [ ] Fit life jackets and review the marine radio, including channel 16.
- [ ] Agree on a return plan, a weather decision and a backup activity before departure.

References: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Washington State Department of Transportation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service, National Data Buoy Center and United States Coast Guard. Original card: The Salish Guide.