

OUR SOUND, OUR SALMON'S FLOTILLA SAFETY GUIDELINES



A safe Flotilla is a successful Flotilla.

Together, we can make sure the Flotilla is a safe and peaceful protest.

Two main groups will be present at the event:

Motorized boats
and
Non-motorized boats (kayaks, canoes, etc.)

These two groups will be responsible for different sets of safety protocols. However, one rule will remain constant for every attendee of the Flotilla:

The Atlantic salmon net pens are not to be touched in any way.

This rule is vitally important. While we disagree with the placement of Atlantic salmon net pens in Puget Sound, we are not holding this event to interfere with or to disrespect private property. **Any contact with the net pens is trespassing and would be counterintuitive to our objective.** We want Cooke Aquaculture and the state of Washington to hear our message, and the most powerful way for us to convey that message is through the peaceful demonstration of our voices, signs, and presence.



Non-motorized Safety Instructions

It is essential to come prepared. You should remember to bring: Paddle(s), bilge pump, lifejacket, whistle, flotilla sign/banner, rain gear, sunblock, sun hat, drinking water, food/snacks, camera, extra batteries, dry clothes/dry bag, water shoes.

Everyone arriving in a small boat is **strongly encouraged** to reach the meeting point at Fort Ward Park by arriving at the Fort Ward parking area accessed by **Pleasant Beach Drive**.

From the parking lot, we will assist you in finding parking and give you simple instructions on how to reach the meeting point. Keep in mind, it is **your responsibility** to make it to the meeting point safely.

When you reach the launch area, our trained team of kayaktivists will be there to direct you and go over safety protocol prior to launch. If available, bring a marine VHF radio, kayaks and canoes will be communicating via radio on **VHF 71**



Motorized Safety Instructions

If you are arriving in a motorized boat, you are responsible for finding an appropriate boat launch and navigating your way to the meeting spot pictured on the map below.

Once you arrive at the location, the motorized boat leaders will be in contact via **VHF channel 73** and will also be using megaphones. You'll be asked to **slowly** follow a single file procession behind the lead boat (**Galactic Ice, Captained by Riley Starks**) in a large oval around the net pen pictured in the map.

Following the line in a slow and orderly matter is important - **Orchard Rocks Conservation Area** is located nearby the net pen we will be circling. Not only is it critical for us to avoid these rocks, it is of the utmost importance for us to be respectful of this marine protected area, as it already experiences enough stress from the nearby pen.