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At a glance:

Air temperatures have remained high with precipitation and river flows below normal, extending the summer's unusual conditions. Water temperatures were warmer in August, perhaps too warm for bull kelp and some salmon species in South Sound. In contrast, Hood Canal, North Sound, and the San Juan Islands provide optimal growth temperatures for herring and salmon. Many terminal inlets of Puget Sound are experiencing extensive red-brown blooms. Jellyfish patches are developing in South Sound finger Inlets and remnants of floating macroalgae occur in the nearshore areas of South Sound and in Useless Bay. At times floating organic material we see from the air ends up on the shoreline were our BEACH team documents it.

The pdf document is around 10 MB, upload times may vary. It has clickable navigation links.

We hope the images are inspiring and informative.

With best regards, Christopher Krembs and the Marine Monitoring Unit

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