



Tim Becken takes his salmon fishing boat out on Youngs Bay.

# NETS ON THE WATER

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**W**hen the salmon season started several months back, Tim Becken of Astoria said there were nearly 40 boats on Youngs Bay competing for the prized delicacy. That dwindled to four last week. Salmon fishing continues to be a tough business. As he reeled in the latest catch, he could be heard whispering “here fishy, fishy, fishy.”



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Becken gets his nets out on the water on board the F/V Miss Britney.



Becken moves his boat in position to drop his nets.



Becken reels in his nets toward the end of a day of fishing.



The first catch of the day is reeled on board the Miss Britney.



Only a few fellow fishermen joined the Miss Britney last week on Youngs Bay to fish for salmon.



The catch this season on Youngs Bay has dwindled, fishermen say.



Fouled nets are a constant chore on board salmon boats.



Becken unwinds a tangled net as he fishes for salmon on Youngs Bay.



Becken untangles a net after catching a salmon.