



# ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

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## LOWER ELWHA 2015-2016 HUNTING REGULATIONS #15-H-1

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### MANAGEMENT PERIOD

These 2015-2016 annual hunting regulations and seasons have been adopted by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Council under the procedures of the Lower Elwha Klallam Hunting Ordinance. Opening and closing dates for the various seasons and species are found in Sections IV and VII. Open areas are found in Section II below and in the three attached maps; any area not expressly opened by these regulations, or by a later emergency regulation, is closed.

### **\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTICES \*\*\***

- **BULL ELK** hunting in the Hoko (601) and Dickey (602) GMU's will not open until September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 for conservation purposes.
- **COW ELK** harvest is closed from Laird's Corner (GMU 621) on the east to the Lyre River (GMU 603) on the west, in GMU 601 (Hoko), and in GMU 621 (Olympic) south of the Big Quilcene River.
- **DOE DEER** hunting remains closed in GMU'S 601 (Hoko), 602 (Dickey), and 603 (Pysht) for conservation purposes.
- The Makah Tribe has ear-tagged several spike bull elk. It is perfectly legal to harvest those elk, but **PLEASE** leave the tag in place if you harvest one of these tagged animals, and please notify Kim Sager-Fradkin or John Gresham at Lower Elwha Natural Resources

### I. SUBJECT TO HUNTING ORDINANCE

In addition to these annual hunting regulations, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Hunting Ordinance contains further provisions and requirements pertaining to: eligible hunters, permits, offenses, firearm restrictions, sentencing, and enforcement. In order to have a complete understanding of all applicable requirements, it is important that tribal hunters be familiar with the Ordinance as well as with these annual regulations.

## II. LANDS CLOSED TO AND OPEN FOR HUNTING; RESTRICTIONS

Under Section 1.1.8 of the Hunting Ordinance, all lands where the Tribe holds hunting rights are closed to hunting unless opened by these annual regulations or subsequent emergency regulation. Hunting is prohibited within the Lower Elwha Reservation, any lands of the Tribe, and any other Indian Reservation. Hunting is also prohibited within National and State Parks and on any lands whenever closed to public access due to extreme fire danger by the U.S. Forest Service or the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

As set forth in the chart, below, of Washington State Game Management Units (GMUs) on the Olympic Peninsula, hunting is permitted on public lands of the United States and State of Washington and on private lands (1) that are posted as “open” to hunting, or (2) with written permission of the landowner or landowner’s legally authorized agent.

The following GMU chart shows the extent to which each GMU is open to hunting by tribal members. These are subject to the other constraints contained in these annual regulations and the Lower Elwha Klallam Hunting Ordinance. **GMUs not listed here are closed to hunting.**

GMU	Name	Hunting Status	GMU	Name	Hunting Status
601	Hoko	OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS	627	Kitsap	OPEN WITH GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS (see details below)
602	Dickey	OPEN OUTSIDE OF DICKEY RIVER WATERSHED	633	Mason Lake	OPEN WITH GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS (see details below)
603	Pysht	OPEN	636	Skokomish	OPEN WITH GEOGRAPHIC AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS (see details below)
607	Sol Duc	CLOSED	638	Quinault Ridge	CLOSED
621	Olympic	OPEN	648	Wynoochee**	OPEN WITH GEOGRAPHIC AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS (see details below)
624	Coyle	OPEN	651	Satsop**	OPEN WITH OTHER RESTRICTIONS (see details below)

***\*\*Due to the spread of deadly hoof rot disease in elk, it is unlawful in the state of Washington to transport elk hooves beyond the site where the animal was killed in GMU’s 648 and 651. In***

*these areas, all four lower legs of harvested elk must be amputated above the dewclaws and left on-site before the carcass is transported.*

GMU 602 (Dickey) is open outside of the Dickey River watershed or any watershed that drains into the Pacific Ocean.

GMUs 627 (Kitsap) and 633 (Mason Lake) are open in part. The eastern boundary of the open areas is described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of U.S. 101 and SR 3 south of Shelton, N and NE on SR 3 to SR 305; E on SR 305 to SR 307 (Bond Rd. NE); NE on SR 307 to NE Gunderson Road; E along NE Gunderson Rd. to Miller Bay Road NE; N on Miller Bay Rd. NE to NE West Kingston Road; E and NE along NE West Kingston Rd to SR 104; E along SR 104 to Puget Sound and the existing eastern boundary of GMU 627 (Kitsap).

GMUs 636 (Skokomish; elk harvest not allowed) and 648 (Wynoochee) are open in part, as follows:

Only the parts of these GMUs east of the West Fork of the Satsop River will be opened until further notice.

### III. SPECIAL CLOSURES

For the purpose of resource management, the following special closures are in effect:

- GMU 636 (Skokomish) will remain closed to elk harvest.
- GMU 621 (Olympic) south of the Big Quilcene River remains closed to cow elk harvest.
- GMU 601 (Hoko) is closed to cow elk harvest.
- Cow elk harvest is closed from Laird’s Corner (Olympic GMU 621) to the Lyre River (Pysht GMU 603).
- Doe deer hunting remains closed in GMU’s 601 (Hoko), 602 (Dickey) AND 603 (Pysht).

### IV. BAG LIMITS - BIG GAME

#### PERMITS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL BIG GAME

SPECIES	SEX	BAG LIMIT	DATES
DEER – ALL GMU’s <i>(see #1 below)</i>	Buck	Total bag limit for deer is four	July 11, 2015 – February 28, 2016
DEER GMU’s 601, 602, 603 <i>(see #2 below)</i>	Doe	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

DEER ALL OTHER GMU's	Doe		September 19, 2015 - February 28, 2016
ELK – ALL GMU's except 601, 602, 636 (see #1 below)	Bull	Total bag limit for elk is one	July 25, 2015 - February 28, 2016
ELK – GMU's 601, 602	Bull		September 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015
ELK – GMU 601, 636; GMU 603/621 from Laird's Corner to the Lyre River; GMU 621 south of Big Quilcene River (see #3 below)	Cow	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
ELK ALL OTHER GMU's except 601 and 636	Cow		October 10, 2015 - January 3, 2016
BEAR General Season Hound Season	Either	Two per season	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Oct 31, 2015- Feb 28, 2016
COUGAR General Season Hound Season	Either	Two per season	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Oct 31, 2015- Feb 28, 2016
MOUNTAIN GOAT	Either	One per season	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
BOBCAT	Either	One per season	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

1. As an alternative to hunting for an elk, a hunter has the option to take up to two additional deer, for a total limit of six deer. The Fisheries Office needs to be notified before doing this so the permits can be handled accordingly.
2. Doe deer hunting in the Hoko (601), Dickey (GMU 602), and Pysht (GMU 603) is closed.
3. Cow elk hunting is closed in the Hoko (601), the Skokomish (636) and from Laird's Corner (GMU 621) to the Lyre River (GMU 603), and in GMU 621 south of the Big Quilcene River.

## V. HOUND HUNTING

Hounds shall not be used to hunt big game animals except for bear and cougar during the hound hunting seasons set forth in these regulations.

## VI. PERMITS

1. **PERMITS REQUIRED:** Hunters are required to obtain a separate permit for each animal hunted.
2. **PERMIT FEE:** Hunters will be required to pay a \$10 per hunter permit fee, regardless of the number of permits requested. This fee will be waived for elders.
3. **PERMIT VALIDATION:** Immediately after any big game animal has been bagged, the hunting permit must be filled out properly, with area, including nearest road name or number and water drainage name, date, species and sex. The animals cannot be transported before this has been done.
4. **PERMITS DUE:** All permits are needed for harvest data count of game taken, whether animals were bagged or not. *The permits must be returned to the issuing agent within 5 days\* of harvest of the animal, or within 30 days of the end of the season if there was no harvest.*

\*Exemption from the 5 day report will be given to the Hunter under the following conditions:

If a successful hunter is unable to provide their Tribal Hunting Permit within 5 days to the Lower Elwha Department of Natural Resources, then that hunter may substitute the following acceptable form of documentation with an explanation of the animal taken and the GMU in which it was taken:

- a. Fax – Cover sheet
- b. Scan – Email

If the above form of documentation is received by the Lower Elwha Department of Natural Resources within 5 days, the Hunter will have a total of 14 days from harvest of the animal to provide the hard copy of the Hunting Permit for verification by Natural Resources Staff.

5. **LATE PERMITS:** An administrative fee of \$50.00 will be assessed for all permits not reported by the due date.
6. **LOST PERMITS:** Hunters losing their permits within a hunting season shall not be issued a permit for the remainder of the season, unless they come before the Hunting Committee and pay a fine of \$50.00. The Committee can decide at that time to reduce the fine or not allow the hunter a new permit.

## VII. BAG LIMITS – GAME BIRDS AND GAME ANIMALS

### NO PERMIT REQUIRED

SPECIES	DATES	BAG LIMIT	SEX
RABBIT	August 29, 2015 –	10 per day	Either

	February 28, 2016		
GROUSE (Blue, Ruffed, Spruce)	August 29, 2015 – February 28, 2016	10 per day	Either
PHEASANT	August 29, 2015 – February 28, 2016	4 per day	Either
QUAIL	August 29, 2015 – February 28, 2016	10 per day	Either
TURKEY	March 12, 2016 - May 29, 2016	1 per day, 5 total per year	Gobblers and Turkey with visible beards only
BAND-TAILED PIGEON	August 29, 2015 – January 10, 2016	2 per day	Either
MOURNING DOVE	August 29, 2015 – January 10, 2016	10 per day	Either
TRUMPETER & WHISTLING SWAN	Closed year round	None	Neither
DUCKS ( <i>see #1 below</i> )	September 12, 2015– January 3, 2016	7/day, with no more than 2 female mallard, 1 pintail, 2 redheads and 1 canvasback	Either
COOT	September 12, 2015– January 3, 2016	25 per day	Either
COMMON SNIPE	September 12, 2015– January 3, 2016	8 per day	Either
GEESE ( <i>see #2 below</i> )	September 12, 2015– January 3, 2016	4/day, with no more than 3 light geese	Either
BRANT	Closed	None	Neither

1. Bag and possession limit on Harlequin ducks is one per season.
2. Closed season on Aleutian Canada geese.

### **VIII. MIGRATORY BIRDS, OTHER RESTRICTIONS**

1. Shooting hours for all migratory bird seasons are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.
2. It is unlawful to possess while hunting for, or to take ducks, geese (including Brant), or coots with lead shot. Steel, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-matrix and tin shot are allowed.
3. Hunters must report birds and rabbits bagged on a Migratory Bird & Rabbit reporting card and return it to the office by the due date, whether used or not.

### **IX. MARINE MAMMALS; SPECIAL PERMITS:**

Special hunting permits are required to hunt Gray Harbor Seals and California Sea Lions. One special permit will be issued per hunter. Gray Harbor Seals and California Sea Lions may be

hunted within all Lower Elwha Klallam usual and accustomed fishing areas. The season will be closed when the harvest reaches 15.

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>BAG LIMIT</b>	<b>SEX</b>
HARBOR SEALS	Open year-around	15 Total per Tribe per lottery	Either
CALIFORNIA SEA LIONS	Open year-around	15 Total per Tribe per lottery	Either

**X. OTHER SPECIES**

For any species not listed in this annual regulation, the open hunting season and bag limits shall, as a matter of tribal law, be the same as the open season and bag limits for such species as established by regulation of the State of Washington, unless modified by emergency tribal regulations. This section shall not be construed as any concession of authority or jurisdiction over tribal treaty hunting to the State of Washington.

**XI. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

This regulation is subject to change by emergency regulation. Emergency regulations will be posted on the regulation board at the Lower Elwha Klallam Reservation. Tribal hunters are responsible for checking on current regulations prior to hunting.

**XII. GATHERING**

Lower Elwha Klallam tribal members may gather traditional plant resources using their Treaty Fishing and Hunting Identification card as identification, with no additional permit required at this time. Gathering is permitted within the same geographic areas that are opened for hunting. If you are uncertain whether a particular area is open, please contact the Natural Resources Office. All non-cultivated berries, plants, trees, ferns, mushrooms, fungi, and other species may be gathered for subsistence or ceremonial use. All gathering of species listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act is prohibited.

**XIII. AUTHORIZATION**

This regulation is adopted pursuant to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe’s authority to manage natural resources in which it holds treaty rights and to regulate the conduct of tribal members in the exercise of those rights, as more particularly set forth in the Tribe’s Hunting Ordinance. The geographic limits placed on tribal members by these regulations are for management purposes only and do not necessarily reflect or limit in any way the full geographic scope of the Tribe’s right to hunt and gather on open and unclaimed land. Harvest limits established by these regulations are also for management purposes only.

#### **XIV. ADOPTION BY TRIBAL COUNCIL**

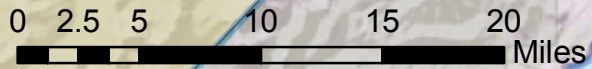
I hereby certify that at a duly held Tribal Council meeting on July 20, 2015, with a quorum present, the foregoing 2015-16 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Hunting Regulations have been approved.



Frances G. Charles  
Tribal Chairperson  
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe



# Map of South GMUs Open Areas -- South End Boundaries



**Legend**

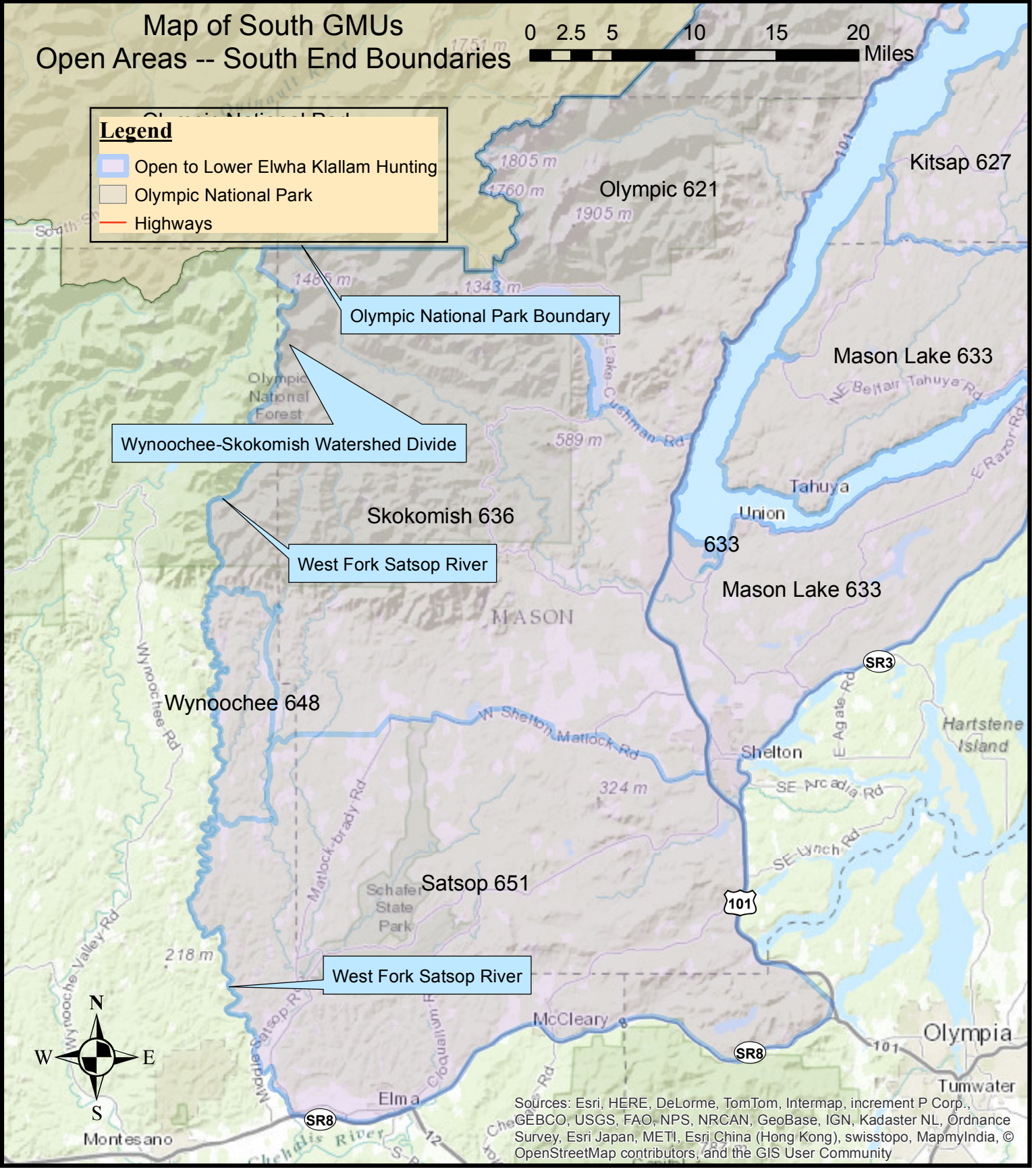
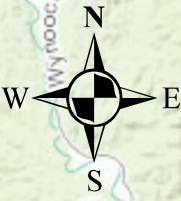
- Open to Lower Elwha Klallam Hunting
- Olympic National Park
- Highways

Olympic National Park Boundary

Wynoochee-Skokomish Watershed Divide

West Fork Satsop River

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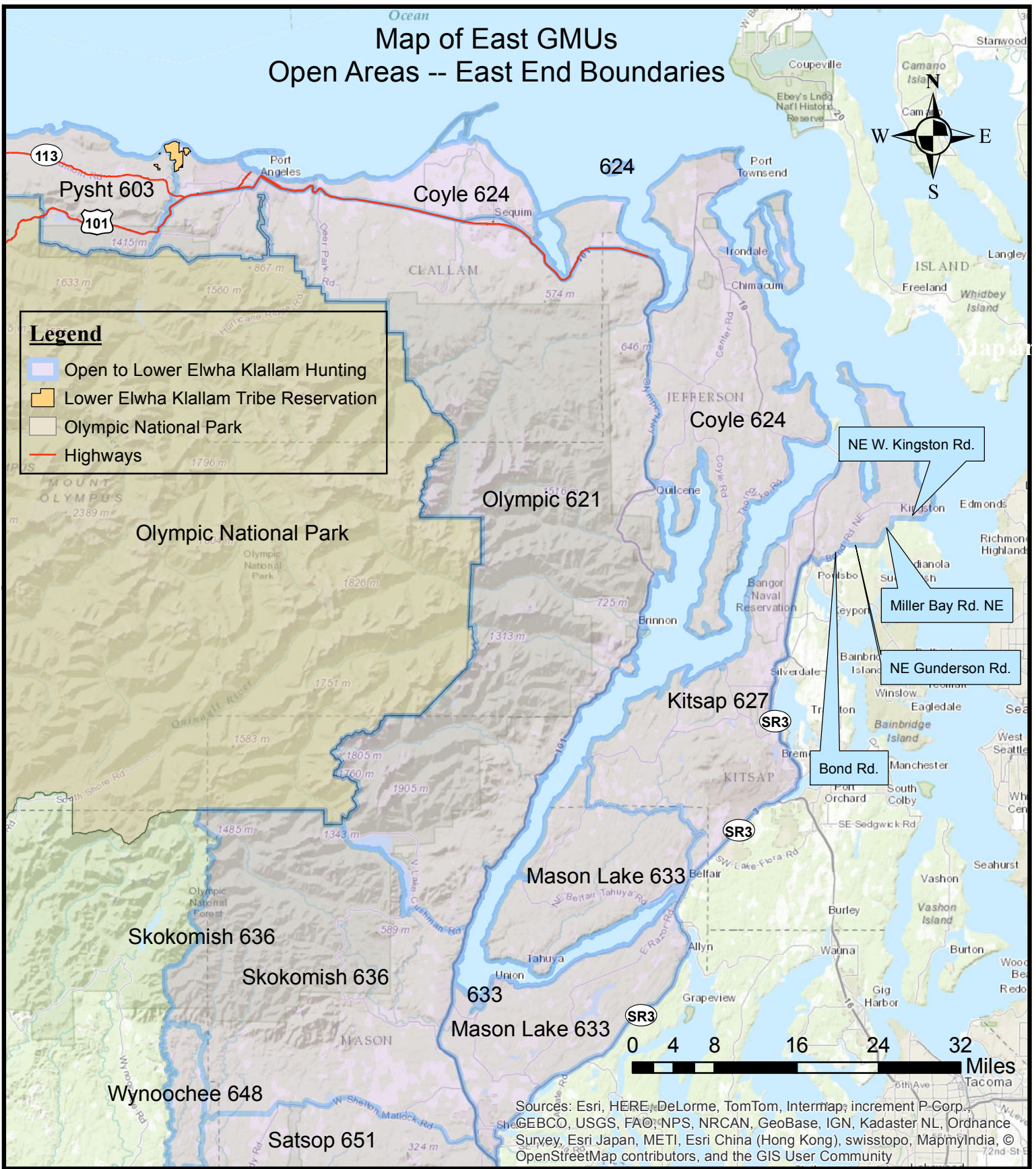


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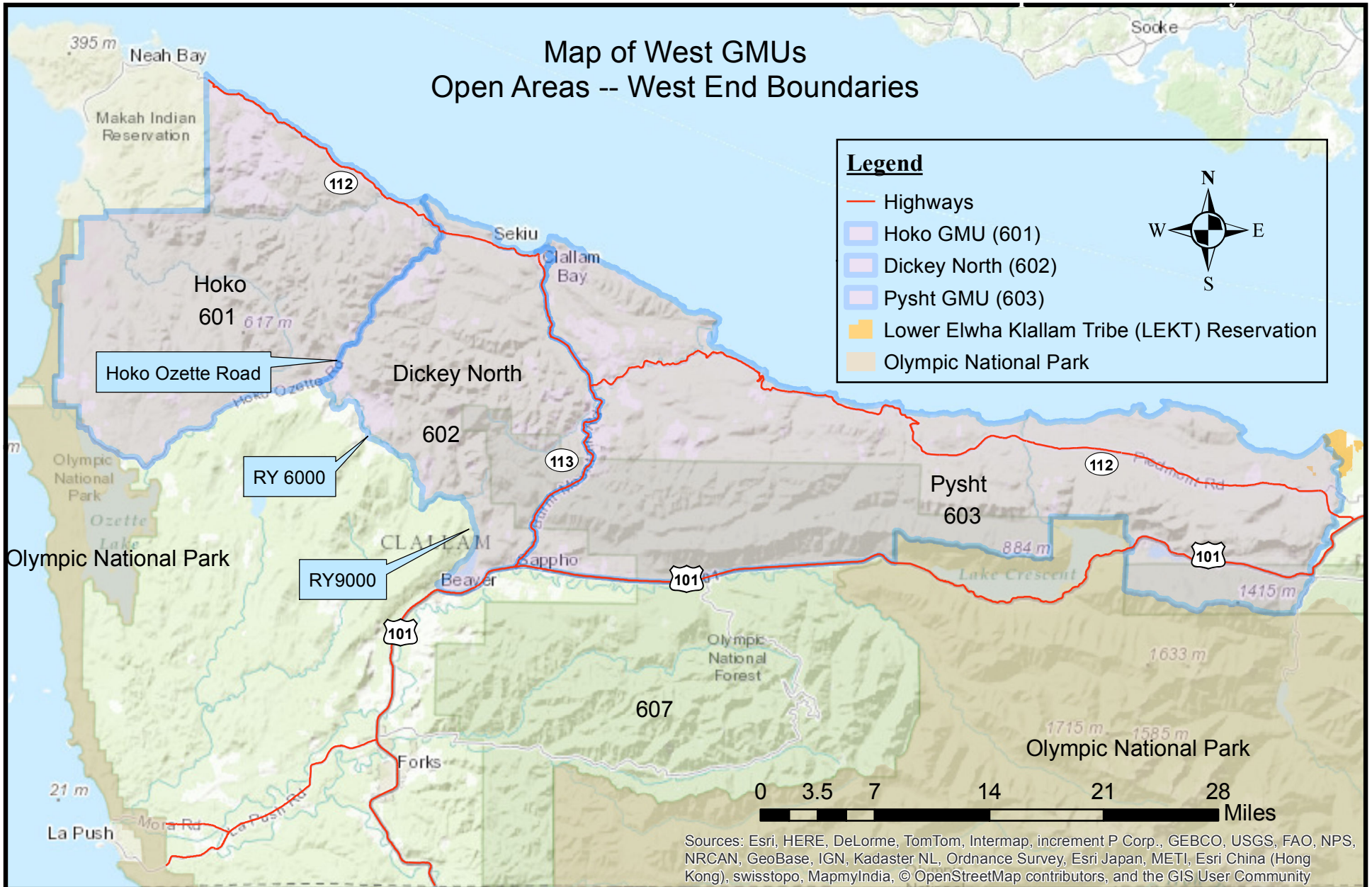
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# Map of East GMUs Open Areas -- East End Boundaries



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