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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

Annual Troll Regulations

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The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial troll fisheries in the areas and times outlined below. Subsistence salmon fishing regulations within marine and freshwater areas will be described in subsequent emergency regulations.

1. FISHING AREAS

Commercial salmon catch reporting areas 4B, 5, 6, and 6C.

2. EFFECTIVE DATES

May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020.

3. LAWFUL GEAR

A. Hand lines: Maximum 2 single or 1 treble hook per line; all hooks must be barbless. Maximum of two lines per fisher.

B. Salmon troll gear: Maximum of 8 lines per vessel; maximum of 72 hooks per vessel. All hooks must be barbless.

4. TIMES AND AREAS OF OPENINGS

Days and Times

Fishing shall be permitted at all hours of each day during each of the following open periods:

- A. Area 4B: Open for Chinook only, from 5/1/2019 through the earliest of 6/30/2019 or reaching a Treaty ocean fishery sub-quota of 17,500 Chinook. All salmon except coho. If the Chinook quota for the May-June fishery is not fully utilized, the excess fish may be transferred into the later all-salmon season on an impact-neutral basis for limiting stocks into the later all-salmon season. If the Chinook quota is exceeded, the excess will be deducted from the later all-salmon season.

Open for all species except chum salmon (8/1-8/31) and steelhead with quota of 12,500 Coho and sub-quota of 24,000 Chinook plus any portion of uncaught Chinook rolled over from the May 1 through June 30 time period on an impact neutral basis, from 7/1/2019 through the earliest of 9/15/2019, or reaching the coho quota of 55,000, or the Chinook quota of 35,000. Steelhead must be released unharmed. Chum must be released unharmed between 8/1-8/31. Chinook salmon measuring less than 24" must be released unharmed.

- B. Areas 5, 6, 6C: Open for all species except coho and chum salmon, and steelhead, from 6/16/2019 through 9/30/2019, subject to the area and catch restrictions outlined below.
- C. All Areas: Open for all species, from 11/1/2019 through 4/15/2020, or when the Treaty catch of Chinook salmon reaches the preseason established harvest guidelines of 8,500, subject to the area and catch restrictions below.

5. AREA RESTRICTIONS

Troll gear must not be operated closer than 1,000 feet away from any stream or river mouth, or within a 1,000 yard radius from the mouth of the Elwha River.

Area 6, east of a line due north from Green Point, and the waters of Port Angeles Harbor (west of a line from the tip of Ediz Hook, to the ITT dock), shall be closed to salmon trolling through 9/30/2019.

Area 6C, Freshwater Bay (inshore of a line from Angeles Point to Observatory Point), shall be closed to salmon trolling through 9/30/2019.

Hoko Bay (inshore of a line from Kydaka Point to Shipwreck Point), shall be closed to salmon trolling through 9/30/2019.

6. COMMERCIAL HARVEST

When commercial fisheries are open, the following size limits and species restrictions must be observed.

- A. All Areas: All steelhead must be released unharmed through 9/30/2019. All coho must be released unharmed through 7/1/2019 in Area 4B. All chum and coho must be released unharmed through 9/30/19 in Areas 5, 6, and 6C.
- B. Area 4B: Through 9/30/2019, all Chinook measuring less than 24” must be released unharmed. From 11/01/2019 through 4/15/2020, all Chinook salmon measuring less than 22” must be released unharmed.
- C. Areas 5, 6, and 6C: All Chinook salmon measuring less than 22” must be released unharmed.

7. TAKE-HOME COMMERCIALLY CAUGHT SALMON

During commercial troll fisheries, no more than six (6) undersize chinook salmon, per fisher, may be kept daily for take-home subsistence purposes. Commercial take-home catch must be recorded on a Treaty Catch Receiving Ticket in the section provided.

8. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

These regulations may be modified at any time by emergency regulations.

9. AUTHORITY

This regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Fisheries Manager under authority specified by the Lower Elwha Klallam Fishing Ordinance, Third Edition.

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