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LOWER ELWHA 2020-2021 HUNTING REGULATIONS #20-H-1

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MANAGEMENT PERIOD

These 2020-2021 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 VIII. 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 ***

▪ **HOOF DISEASE (TREPONEME ASSOCIATED HOOF DISEASE, TAHD):**

We have recently discovered a form of hoof disease in our hunting area (specifically on the Pysht Tree Farm) called treponeme-associated hoof disease, or TAHD. TAHD is caused by an infection of the hooves by treponeme bacteria, and is contracted from the soil. TAHD causes lameness and sometimes death in impacted elk. For this reason, please follow these guidelines exactly when you harvest an elk:

- For ALL harvested elk in all GMUs, amputate all four legs above the dewclaw and leave them on-site – this will minimize the chance of the bacteria spreading.
- IF the hooves look malformed to you, please record a GPS coordinate of the harvest location and report the deformed hooves to Kim Sager-Fradkin at LEKT Natural Resources. This will allow us to examine the hooves and, if collected in time, send a sample to the Washington State diagnostics laboratory.
- The meat of affected elk is generally safe to eat, but should be inspected first.

▪ **HARVEST OF TAGGED ANIMALS:**

If you harvest a radio-collared or tagged animal, please notify Kim Sager-Fradkin at LEKT Natural Resources. It is perfectly legal- we just want to know where you harvested the animal. Thank you.

I. SUBJECT TO HUNTING ORDINANCE; HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

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, tribal hunters are required and expected to be familiar with the Ordinance as well as with these annual regulations. *In addition, these annual regulations establish a new requirement that each hunter obtain certification of attendance at a hunter education session prior to receiving any permit to take wildlife under these 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 or lands of another Tribe. Hunting is also prohibited within National and State Parks and on any lands whenever closed to public access due to extreme fire danger or other public hazard by the U.S. Forest Service, the Washington Department of Natural Resources, the Tribe, or other authorized public agency.

As set forth in the chart below of Washington State Game Management Units (GMUs) on the Olympic Peninsula, hunting is opened and permitted on certain public lands of the United States and State of Washington (excluding National and State Parks). Hunting is also permitted on certain private commercial timberlands where the Tribe administers a permit authorized by the landowner; tribal hunting on such lands will be by lottery conducted by the Tribe and additional regulatory requirements may apply, which will be provided to those hunters selected by the lottery. Currently, the only such permit systems are for the Pysht Tree Farm and the North Olympic Land Trust's Lyre Conservation Area; hunters will be notified if any additional private lands become available for such a permit system. Oral or written permission to engage in treaty hunting on private lands given by a private landowner directly to an individual hunter is not a lawful form of authorization. A general access permit for private lands is not authorization to engage in treaty hunting on those lands.

The following GMU chart shows the extent to which each GMU is open to hunting by tribal members. These are subject to any other restrictions 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 HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	627	Kitsap	OPEN WITH GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS (see details below)
602	Dickey	OPEN WITH GEOGRAPHIC	633	Mason Lake	OPEN WITH GEOGRAPHIC

		RESTRICTIONS (see details below)			RESTRICTIONS (see details below)
603	Pysht	OPEN WITH HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	636	Skokomish	OPEN WITH GEOGRAPHIC AND HUNTING RESTRICTIONS (see details below)
607	Sol Duc	OPEN WITH GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS (see details below)	638	Quinault Ridge	CLOSED
621	Olympic	OPEN WITH HUNTING RESTRICTIONS	648	Wynoochee	OPEN WITH GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS (see details below)
624	Coyle	OPEN	651	Satsop	OPEN

Dickey (602) – that portion of the GMU that is north and east of the D2000/R9000/R5000 road network (see hunting area map).

Sol Duc (607) – that portion of the Sol Duc GMU that is north of the Calawah River (see hunting area map).

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. Seasons are limited for bull elk harvest (see Section IV below), and bulls must have 3 antler points or more.
- Doe deer hunting remains closed in GMUs 601 (Hoko), 602 (Dickey), and 603 (Pysht).

IV. BIG GAME BAG LIMITS

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL BIG GAME

General bag limits are as follows:*
Deer: 4/hunter/year, all sexes and GMUs combined
Elk: 1/hunter/year, all sexes and GMUs combined

*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. Any hunter choosing this option must first notify the Natural Resources Office so the permits can be handled accordingly.

BIG GAME BAG LIMITS BY GMU

<i>Area</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>601 Hoko</i>	Deer	Doe	CLOSED	July 4, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021
		Buck	OPEN	
	Elk	Cow	CLOSED	
		Bull	Archery only, 3-pt or better Firearm, 3-pt or better	

<i>Area</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>602 Dickey N. Note geographic restrictions in section II.)</i>	Deer	Doe	CLOSED	July 4, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021
		Buck	OPEN	
	Elk	Cow	OPEN	
		Bull	OPEN	July 18, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021

<i>Area</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>603 Pysht</i>	Deer	Doe	CLOSED	July 4, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021
		Buck	OPEN	

	Elk	Cow	SPECIAL PERMIT	September 26, 2020 – January 3, 2021
		Bull	OPEN	July 18, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021

<i>Area</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>607 Sol Duc</i> <i>*Note</i> <i>geographic</i> <i>restrictions in</i> <i>section II.</i>	Deer	Doe	CLOSED	
		Buck	OPEN	July 4, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021
	Elk	Cow	OPEN	September 26, 2020 – January 3, 2021
		Bull	OPEN	July 18, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021

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<i>621 Olympic</i>	Deer	Doe	OPEN	September 12, 2020 – February 28, 2021
		Buck	OPEN	July 4, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021
	Elk	Cow	Closed south of the Big Quilcene River.	September 26, 2020 – December 27, 2020
		Bull	OPEN	July 18, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021

<i>Area</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>636</i> <i>Skokomish</i> <i>*Note</i> <i>geographic</i> <i>restrictions in</i> <i>Section II.</i>	Deer	Doe	OPEN	September 12, 2020 – February 28, 2021
		Buck	OPEN	July 4, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021
	Elk	Cow	CLOSED	
		Bull	CLOSED	

<i>Areas</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>624 Coyle,</i> <i>627 Kitsap,</i> <i>633 Mason,</i> <i>648 Wynoochee,</i> <i>651 Satsop</i> <i>*Note any</i> <i>geographic</i> <i>restrictions in</i> <i>Section II.</i>	Deer	Doe	OPEN	September 12, 2020 – February 28, 2021
		Buck	OPEN	July 4, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021
	Elk	Cow	OPEN	September 26, 2020 – December 27, 2020
		Bull	OPEN	July 18, 2020 – Feb 28, 2021

OTHER BIG GAME HARVEST, ALL GMUs

SPECIES	SEX	BAG LIMIT	DATES
BEAR General Season Hound Season	Either	Two per season	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 Oct 31, 2020- Feb 28, 2021
COUGAR General Season Hound Season	Either	Two per season	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 Oct 31, 2020- Feb 28, 2021
MOUNTAIN GOAT	Either	Unlimited	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021
BOBCAT	Either	One per season	July 1, 20209 – June 30, 2021

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.*

*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 interim 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 interim form of documentation is received by the Lower Elwha Department of Natural Resources within 5 days of harvest, the Hunter will have a total of 14 days from harvest of the animal to provide the original 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. ACCESS TO DNR LANDS

In accordance with the Tribe's January 9, 2017 *Intergovernmental Agreement for Vehicle Access to DNR Managed Lands*, tribal member access to lands administered by the Washington Department of Natural Resources, for purposes of treaty hunting and gathering, will be by means of a key to locked gates maintained by DNR. Any tribal hunter or gatherer desiring to access such lands shall obtain a key from the Tribe's Natural Resources Office and shall enter into the standard *Tribal Member Contract For Access To Select DNR Gates*, a copy of which is attached hereto, and shall comply with all terms of the Contract.

VIII. BAG LIMITS – GAME BIRDS AND GAME ANIMALS

NO PERMIT REQUIRED

SPECIES	DATES	BAG LIMIT	SEX
RABBIT	August 22, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021	10 per day	Either
GROUSE (Blue, Ruffed, Spruce)	August 1, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021	10 per day	Either
PHEASANT	August 22, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021	4 per day	Either
QUAIL	August 22, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021	10 per day	Either
TURKEY	March 6, 2021 - May 23, 2021	1 per day, 5 total per year	Gobblers and Turkey with visible beards only
BAND-TAILED PIGEON	August 22, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021	2 per day	Either
MOURNING DOVE	August 22, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021	10 per day	Either
TRUMPETER & WHISTLING SWAN	Closed year round	None	Neither

DUCKS (<i>see #1 below</i>)	September 5, 2020– January 3, 2021	7/day, with no more than 2 female mallard, 1 pintail, 2 redheads and 1 canvasback	Either
COOT	September 5, 2020– January 3, 2021	25 per day	Either
COMMON SNIPE	September 5, 2020– January 3, 2021	8 per day	Either
GEESE (<i>see #2 below</i>)	September 5, 2020– January 3, 2021	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.

IX. 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 take ducks, geese (including Brant), or coots with lead shot, or to possess lead shot while hunting for such birds. 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.

X. HUNTING OF MARINE MAMMALS PROHIBITED

The Tribe has discontinued its special permit program for hunting marine mammals under Section 1.1.16.2 of the Hunting Ordinance. Hunting or take of Gray Harbor Seals, California Sea Lions, and all other marine mammals is *prohibited*. Deterrence of marine mammals interfering in treaty fishing or posing a threat of personal injury continues to be regulated under Section 1.1.16.3 through 1.1.16.6 of the Hunting Ordinance, which may be modified by adoption of a Model Marine Mammal Ordinance during the period when these 2020-21 Hunting Regulations are in effect, in which case notice will be provided.

XI. 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.

XII. 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.

XIII. 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. Any gathering of species listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act is prohibited.

XIV. 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 and harvest limits placed on tribal members by these regulations are primarily for management and regulatory policy purposes and do not necessarily reflect or concede any issues regarding the full geographic scope of the Tribe's right to hunt and gather on all open and unclaimed lands.

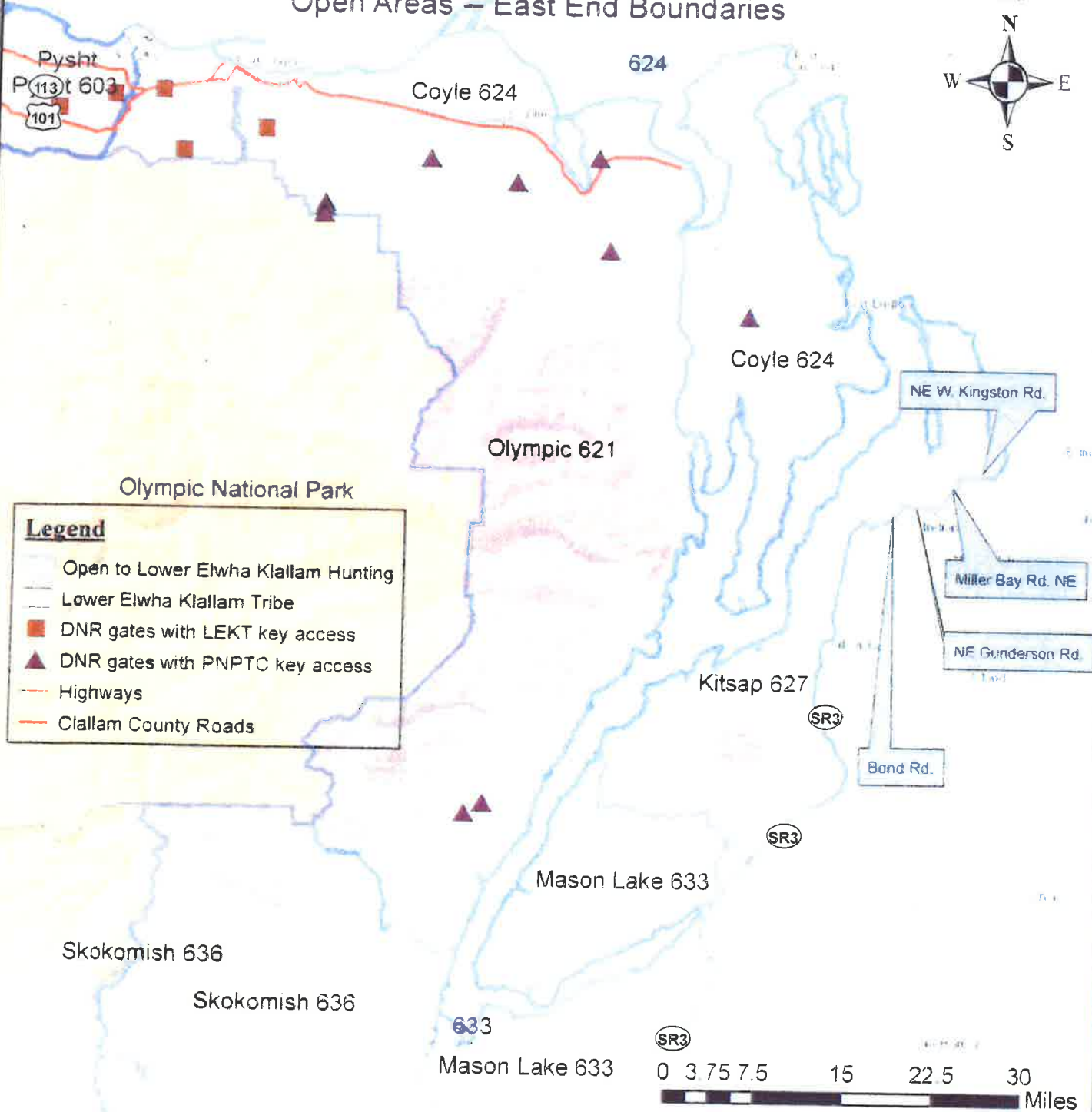
XV. ADOPTION BY TRIBAL COUNCIL

I hereby certify that at a duly held Tribal Council meeting on 7/29, 2020, with a quorum present, the foregoing 2020-2021 Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Hunting Regulations have been approved.



Frances G. Charles, Chairwoman
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

Map of East GMUs Open Areas -- East End Boundaries



Legend

- Open to Lower Elwha Klallam Hunting
- Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
- DNR gates with LEKT key access
- DNR gates with PNPTC key access
- Highways
- Clallam County Roads

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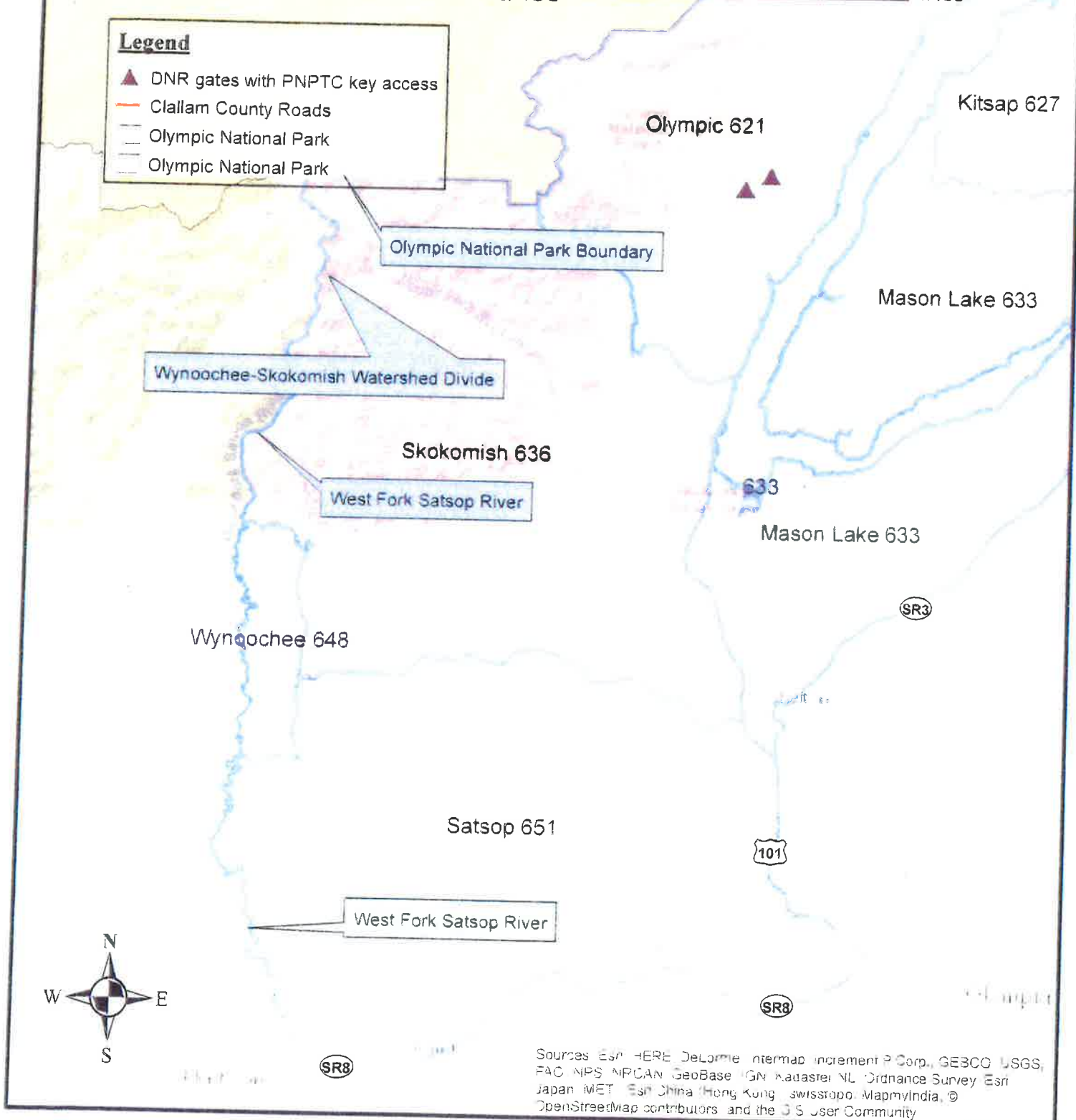


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Map of South GMUs Open Areas -- South End Boundaries



- Legend**
- ▲ DNR gates with PNPTC key access
 - Clallam County Roads
 - Olympic National Park
 - Olympic National Park



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