

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: #S20-109

DATE ADOPTED: JANUARY 20TH, 2021

REGULATION MODIFIED: REGULATION #S20-035, SECTIONS 5, 6, AND 9

REGULATION SUPERCEDED: S20-104

CATCH AREAS: CRUSTACEAN MANAGEMENT REGION 3, DESCRIBED AS:  
SUBREGION 3-1 (SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 23A,  
AND 23B), SUBREGION 3-2 (SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING  
AREAS 25A, 25E AND 23D),  
SUBREGION 3-3 (SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 23C-  
EAST), SUBREGION 3-4  
(SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 23C-WEST  
AND 29).

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL-EXTENSION OF 3-1

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

EFFECTIVE DATES: NOVEMBER 28TH, 2020 THROUGH JANUARY 27TH 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: THIS REGULATION APPLIES TO THE LOWER ELWHA  
KLALLAM FISHERS.

DAYS/HOURS: 1) SUBREGION 3-1: OPEN 9:00 AM SAT, NOV 28TH,  
CLOSED 4:00 PM FRI, JAN 27TH, 2021,  
OR WHEN THE RESPECTIVE TRIBAL QUOTA  
IN SUBREGION 3-1 HAS BEEN TAKEN, WHICHEVER COMES  
FIRST.

LEGAL GEAR: 1) AS STIPULATED IN REGULATION #S20-035, SECTIONS 7  
AND 8.  
2) THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF CRAB POTS OR  
RING  
NETS COMBINED WILL BE 50 POTS/RING NETS PER  
FISHER PER DAY.  
3) LONG LINE FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED: EACH POT OR  
RING NET BEING FISHED MUST HAVE A SURFACE  
BUOY ATTACHED.  
4) BUOY COLORS MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED AND  
WHITE.  
NO RED AND WHITE COMBINATION OF ANY TYPE  
ARE PERMITTED. IF ANY PORTION OF THE BUOY IS  
RED,  
NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE WHITE. IF ANY  
PORTION  
IF ANY PORTION OF THE BUOY IS WHITE, NO  
REMAINING  
PORTION MAY BE RED.

HARVEST RESTRICTIONS: 1) THE MINIMUM SIZE FOR LEGAL CRAB IS 6 1/4 INCHES,  
CALIPER MEASUREMENT ACROSS THE BACK  
OF THE CRAB, IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE TIPS.  
2) ONLY MALE CRAB MAY BE TAKEN.

- 3) RECENTLY MOLTED, SOFT-SHELLED CRAB MAY NOT BE TAKEN. ALL CRAB TAKEN MUST BE CHECKED FOR SHELL HARDNESS.
- 4) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR FISHERS TO RETAIN AND POSSESS ANY FEMALE, UNDERSIZED AND SOFT-SHELLED DUNGENESS CRABS. ALL FEMALE, UNDERSIZED AND SOFT-SHELLED DUNGENESS CRABS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER UNHARMED.

CLOSED AREAS:

AS PER REGULATION #S20-035, SECTION 6.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- 1) AS PER REGULATION #S20-035, SECTION 11.
- 2) IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE FROM THE WATER OR TAMPER WITH ANOTHER FISHER'S CRAB GEAR. ANY CRAB GEAR FOUND WITHOUT LEGIBLE IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE FISHERS WISHING TO TEND THE GEAR OF ANOTHER FISHER ON A TEMPORARY BASIS MUST OBTAIN A GEAR-TENDING PERMIT SPECIFIC TO THAT FISHER, FROM THEIR TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE. TRIBAL FISHERIES STAFF MAY DECLINE REQUESTS FOR PERMITS. PERMITS WILL BE VALID FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILBLE FROM THE RESPECTIVE TRIBAL FISHERIES STAFF.
- 4) BUOY TAGS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL CRAB POTS AND RING NETS USED FOR SUBSISTENCE FISHING, WHETHER GEAR IS ATTENDED OR NOT. TAGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICES. IN CATCH AREAS OF REGION 3 OPEN FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING OR IN CATCH AREAS OF REGION 3 ADJACENT TO THOSE OPEN FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING.
- 5) FISHERS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN COMMERCIAL OPENINGS IN REGIONS 1 OR 2W ARE NOT PERMITTED TO FISH FOR SUBSISTENCE CRAB IN CATCH AREAS OF ADJACENT TO THOSE OPEN FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING.
- 6) ALL COMMERCIAL FISHERS ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE HOME CRAB FROM THEIR COMMERCIAL CATCH. ANY TAKE HOME CATCH MUST BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS.
- 8) LOST GEAR MUST BE REPORTED TO ENFORCEMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DAILY SUBSISTENCE FISHING AND A LOST POT FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN THE SUBSEQUENT 24 HOURS.

CATCH REPORTING:

ALL SUBSISTENCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTENCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE. SUBSISTENCE FISHERS MUST HAVE SUBSISTENCE CARDS ON THEIR PERSON WHEN FISHING.

JUSTIFICATION:

COMMENCE COMMERCIAL CRAB FISHING IN REGION 3.

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