

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE 4.6 COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE CRAB REGULATION FOR REGION 3.3.

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the commercial crab fisheries conducted off-reservation and on subtidal public lands by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

The term of this regulation is from June 1st, 2021 through May 31, 2022. The respective regional fisheries may close prior if the total tribal regional harvest quota is taken.

This regulation is intended to regulate harvest by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of the U.S. District Court Order of August 28, 1995 (Implementation order) in U.S. v Washington, Sub-proceeding 89-3. In the event the Puget Sound Treaty Tribes and the State of Washington reach agreement and the 2020-2021 commercial crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the adopted harvest management plan.

REGULATION NUMBER: S21-030  
DATE ADOPTED: JUNE 1, 2021

REGULATION(S) MODIFIED: S21-029, SECTION 5 & 7 MODIFIED

CATCH AREAS: CRUSTACEAN MANAGEMENT REGION 3,  
DESCRIBED AS: 3-3  
(SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 23C AND 29)

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 16TH, 2021 TO APRIL 15, 2022

DAYS/HOURS: 1. OPEN 8:00 AM WEDNESDAY JUNE 16TH, 2021 THROUGH 6:00 PM FRIDAY APRIL 15TH, 2022 OR UNTIL TRIBAL QUOTA IS TAKEN.  
2. FOR ALL OPEN AREAS, POTS MAY ONLY BE CHECKED FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET EACH DAY.  
3. THE SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES FOR FISHERS PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMMERCIAL OPENER

WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

LEGAL GEAR: AS PER REG. #S21-029, ADDITIONALLY:  
POT LIMIT: 50 POTS PER FISHER AND PER VESSEL

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: AS PER REG. #S21-029, ADDITIONALLY:

1. THE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR LEGAL CRAB IS 6.25 INCHES, CALIPER MEASUREMENT ACROSS THE BACK OF THE CRAB, IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE TIPS
2. ONLY MALE CRABS MAY BE TAKEN. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR FISHERS TO RETAIN AND POSSESS ANY FEMALE DUNGENESS CRAB, UNDERSIZED, OR SOFT-SHELLED CRABS. ALL FEMALE DUNGENESS CRAB, UNDERSIZED, OR SOFT-SHELLED CRABS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER UNHARMED.
3. 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 INTO 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 THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE. TRIBAL FISHERIES STAFF MAY DECLINE REQUESTS FOR PERMITS. PERMITS WILL BE VALID FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAIAABLE FROM THE TRIBAL FISHERIES STAFF.
4. SUBSISTENCE IN THIS AREA FOR NON COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN WILL ALSO OPEN JUNE 16TH. PLEASE REFER TO #S21-029

JUSTIFICATIONS: HARVEST AVAILABLE TREATY SHARE OF CRAB  
IN THE AREA.

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