

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S21-079
DATE ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

REGULATION MODIFIED: S21-029, SECTION 5 & 7

REGULATION SUPERCEDED: NONE

CATCH AREAS: SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT REGION 2 WEST, DESCRIBED AS SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 25B, 25D AND ALL KLALLAM U & A AREAS IN THAT PORTION OF 26AW SOUTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF POSSESSION POINT ON WHIDBEY ISLAND.

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: SEPTEMBER 25TH THRU SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2021

DAYS/HOURS:

1) FOR AREAS 25D, 25B AND 26AW: OPEN FROM
8:00 AM SAT SEPT 25TH TO 5PM
WEDN SEPT 30TH 2021

2) FOR ALL OPEN AREAS, POTS MAY ONLY BE CHECKED
FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES
AFTER SUNSET EACH DAY.

LEGAL GEAR: AS PER REG. #S21-029, SECTION 7 AND 8 IN ADDITION:
1. POT LIMITS FOR EACH OF THE AREAS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
A. FOR ALL AREAS COMBINED 50 POTS PER FISHER AND
PER VESSEL.
B. AREA 25D: 20 POTS PER FISHER AND PER VESSEL.
2. 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
OF THE BUOY IS WHITE, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE RED.

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 UNLWFUL 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.
4. FOR FISHERS PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMMERCIAL FISHERY SUBSISTENCE FISHING WILL CLOSE IN REGION 2 WEST AND IN AREAS 25A AND 25C 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET ON THUR SEPTEMBER 23RD AND REOPEN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SUNRISE ON SAT OCTOBER 2ND.

REGISTRATION: ALL TRIBAL FISHERS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGION 2 WEST CRAB FISHERY MUST REGISTER AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE PRIOR TO FISHING. AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, FISHERS SHALL REPORT THE NUMBER OF POTS TO BE USED.

CATCH REPORTING: ALL COMMERCIAL CATCHES SHALL BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. THE WEIGHT OF ALL CRAB RECEIVED AND NOT PURCHASED FOR ANY REASON SHALL BE RECORDED AS TAKE HOME OR SPECIES CODE CODE 20-561 ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. ALL SUBSISTANCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTANCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE.

JUSTIFICATIONS: HARVEST OF THE TREATY SHARE OF CRAB IN REGION 2 WEST.

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