

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE SECTION 4.6 CUCUMBER REGULATION FOR DISTRICT 1 (SAN JUAN ISLANDS), DISTRICT 2-1 (STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA AREA), AND DISTRICT 2-2 (ADMIRALTY INLET AREA) WITHIN THE PUGET- SOUND SEA CUCUMBER HARVEST MANAGEMENT PLAN.

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial and subsistence sea cucumber fisheries by Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in District 1, 2-1 and 2-2. The term of this regulation is from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023, unless superseded, and is intended to regulate the sea cucumber harvest by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in District 1, 2-1 and 2-2 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States v. Washington, 898 F. supp. 1453 (W.D. Wash.1995), as amended by the Stipulation and Order Amending Shellfish Implementation Plan, dated April 8, 2002, (hereafter "Implementation Order"). In the event the Puget Sound Sea Cucumber Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the 2022-2023 Puget Sound Sea Cucumber Harvest Management Plan.

FILING ORGANIZATION: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
REGULATION NUMBER: #S22-144
DATE ADOPTED: JUNE 13TH, 2023
REGULATION MODIFIED: NONE
REGULATION SUPERCEDED: NONE

CATCH AREAS: DISTRICT 1, (SAN JUAN ISLANDS) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 20B, 22A, THAT PORTION OF 20A SOUTH AND WEST OF A LINE BETWEEN TOE POINT ON PATOS ISLAND AND POINT MIGLEY ON LUMMI ISLAND, THAT PORTION OF 21A SOUTH AND WEST OF LUMMI ISLAND AND A LINE RUNNING BETWEEN CARTER POINT ON LUMMI ISLAND AND THE NORTHERN TIP OF VENDОВI ISLAND, AND THAT PORTION OF 22B NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE BETWEEN CLARK POINT ON GUEMES ISLAND AND THE SOUTHERN TIP OF VENDОВI ISLAND, WEST OF GUEMES ISLAND AND SOUTH AND WEST OF A LINE RUNNING DUE SOUTH FROM KELLYS POINT ON GUEMES ISLAND. CLOSED SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED

DISTRICT 2-1, (STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA AREA) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 23A, 23C, 23D, 29;

DISTRICT 2-2, (ADMIRALTY INLET AREA) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 23B, 25A-E;

DISTRICT 3, (CENTRAL PUGET SOUND) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREA 26A SOUTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF POSSESSION POINT ON WHIDBEY ISLAND; CLOSED

DISTRICT 4, (HOOD CANAL) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 27A-C. CLOSED

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE
SPECIES: SEA CUCUMBER (Parastichopus californicus)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: AUGUST 1, 2022 THROUGH JULY 31, 2023

DAYS/HOURS:

1. DISTRICT 1 (SAN JUAN ISLANDS): OPEN

MONDAY JUNE 19TH THRU MONDAY JULY 31ST, 2023

DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY.

2. DISTRICT 2-1 (STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA): OPEN

FRIDAY MARCH 10TH THRU MARCH 31ST, 2023

DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY CLOSED

3. DISTRICT 2-2 (ADMIRALTY INLET AREA): This regulation closing the 2-2 fishery for the day on Thursday, Oct 27 and adding an open day on Saturday, Oct 29. due to weather.

OPEN: 7:00 AM Wednesday October 26, 2022

CLOSE: 7:00 PM Wednesday October 26, 2022

OPEN: 7:00 AM Friday October 28, 2022

CLOSE: 7:00 PM Saturday October 29, 2022 CLOSED

4. DISTRICT 3 (CENTRAL PUGET SOUND): CLOSED

5. DISTRICT 4 (HOOD CANAL): CLOSED

TARGET HARVEST:

1. DISTRICT 1: 53,000 POUNDS.

2. DISTRICT 2-1: 5,000 POUNDS.

3. DISTRICT 2-2: 0. POUNDS

LEGAL GEAR:

1. HARVEST EQUIPMENT IS RESTRICTED TO INDIVIDUAL HARVEST BY HAND. DIVERS MAY HARVEST SEA CUCUMBERS USING SURFACE SUPPLIED AIR OR SCUBA.

2. ALL TRIBAL DIVERS AND DIVER VESSELS SHALL ADHERE TO OHSa COMMERCIAL DIVING OPERATION STANDARDS.

CLOSED ZONES:

CUCUMBER HARVEST IS NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING RESEARCH/MANAGEMENT AREAS:

1. THOSE WATERS OF SAN JUAN CHANNEL AND UPRIGHT CHANNEL WITHIN THE FOLLOWING LINES: NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE FROM THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF TURN ISLAND TO FLAT POINT ON LOPEZ ISLAND AND THENCE PROJECTED FROM FLAT POINT TRUE WEST TO SHAW ISLAND, NORTH OF A LINE PROJECTED FROM THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF TURN ISLAND TRUE WEST TO SAN JUAN ISLAND, WEST OF A LINE FROM NECK POINT ON SHAW ISLAND TO STEEP POINT ON ORCAS ISLAND, AND SOUTH OF A LINE FROM STEEP POINT ON ORCAS ISLAND TO LIMESTONE POINT ON SAN JUAN ISLAND.

2. THOSE WATERS OF HARO STRAIT NORTH OF A LINE PROJECTED TRUE WEST FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST POINT OF CATTLE POINT ON SAN JUAN ISLAND TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER AND SOUTH OF A LINE PROJECTED DUE WEST FROM A POINT

ONE-QUARTER MILE NORTH OF LIME KILN LIGHT ON SAN JUAN ISLAND TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER.

3. ARGYLE LAGOON: THOSE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON-OWNED TIDELANDS AND ALL BEDLANDS ENCLOSED BY THE INNER SPIT OF ARGYLE LAGOON ON SAN JUAN ISLAND.

4. THOSE WATERS WITHIN ONE-QUARTER MILE OF TATOOSH ISLAND AT 0.0 TIDE HEIGHT.

5. THOSE WATERS OF THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA IN THE VICINITY OF LOW POINT WEST OF A LINE PROJECTED TRUE NORTH FROM THE SHORELINE AT 123 DEGREES 48.3 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER, AND EAST OF A LINE PROJECTED TRUE NORTH FROM THE SHORELINE AT 123 DEGREES 52.7 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

1. THE SUBSISTENCE DAILY CATCH LIMIT IS 25 SEA CUCUMBERS PER FISHER.

2. ALL COMMERCIAL HARVESTERS MUST REGISTER AT THEIR RESPECTIVE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN THE FISHERY.

3. ALL COMMERCIAL CUCUMBER SALES MUST BE MADE TO TRIBALLY APPROVED BUYERS WHO HAVE FILLED OUT A BUYER'S AGREEMENT WITH EITHER THE LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE.

4. FISHERS MUST ADHERE TO ANY TRIBAL SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS WHILE AT THE BOAT LAUNCH AND ON THE WATER.

CATCH REPORTING:

1. ALL CATCH MUST BE REPORTED TO THE FISHERIES OFFICE BY PHONE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF HARVEST OR BY MAILING/DELIVERING DAILY HARVEST LOGS TO THE FISHERIES OFFICE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

2. DAILY HARVEST INFORMATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

a. DATE OF HARVEST

b. VESSEL NAME OR BOAT REGISTRATION NUMBER

c. LOCATION FISHED

d. POUNDS LANDED

e. AVERAGE DEPTH OF HARVEST

f. NUMBER OF DIVERS

g. TOTAL DIVER HOURS

3. ALL COMMERCIAL AND COMMERCIAL TAKE HOME CATCHES SHALL BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. ALL SUBSISTENCE HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTENCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE.

4. LANDINGS MUST BE REPORTED AS "WHOLE UN-DRAINED" OR "SPLIT AND DRAINED." IF LANDINGS ARE "WHOLE UN-DRAINED", A CORRECTION FACTOR OF 0.5 MUST BE APPLIED TO THE HARVEST WEIGHT.

JUSTIFICATION:

COMMENCE TREATY HARVEST OF AVAILABLE SEA CUCUMBERS,

OPENINGS IN D-1