

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S23-037-CLOSURE

DATE ADOPTED: JUNE 12th, 2023

REGULATION(S) MODIFIED: S23-028, SECTION 5 & 7 MODIFIED

CATCH AREAS: CRUSTACEAN MANAGEMENT REGION 3,  
DESCRIBED AS: 3-3 & 3-4  
(SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 23C AND 29)

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL-CLOSURE

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 16TH, 2023 - APRIL 15TH 2024 (CLOSED)

DAYS/HOURS: 1. OPEN 8:00 AM FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH, 2023 THROUGH  
6:00 PM MONDAY APRIL 15TH, 2024 OR UNTIL TRIBAL  
QUOTA IS TAKEN. (CLOSED)  
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. #S23-028, ADDITIONALLY:  
POT LIMIT: 50 POTS PER FISHER AND PER VESSEL

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: AS PER REG. #S23-028, 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 AVAIABLE FROM THE TRIBAL FISHERIES STAFF.

4. SUBSISTENCE IN THIS AREA FOR NON COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN WILL ALSO OPEN JUNE 16TH.

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

\*CLOSING UNTIL CO-MANAGMENT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED\*

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