

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S23-037
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

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 16TH, 2023 TO APRIL 15, 2024

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.
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.

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