

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S23-048

DATE ADOPTED: JUNE 29, 2023

REGULATION(S) #S23-008 SECTION 5, MODIFIED
SUPERSEDED/MODIFIED: #S23-009, SUPERSEDED

CATCH AREAS: SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREA 26A:
APPLE COVE POINT NORTH TRACT #06250
FOULWEATHER EAST TRACT #04950

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: GEODUCK CLAM (PANOPE ABRUPTA)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

LEGAL GEAR: HIGH PRESSURE WATER JET, 5/8 INCH
DIAMETER NOZZLE

EFFECTIVE DATES: JULY 1, 2023 THRU MARCH 31, 2024

DAYS/HOURS: OPEN 8:00AM TO 3:00PM TUESDAY
THRU FRIDAY.

EXPECTED EFFORT: UP TO 18 VESSELS

HARVEST MONITORING: HARVEST ACTIVITY WILL BE MONITORED
BY ELWHA FISHERIES PERSONNEL AND/OR
LEKT FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT AS PER
STATE/TRIBAL AGREEMENT.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: AS PER ANNUAL REG. #S23-008, ADDITIONALLY:

- A. THE LOWER ELWHA REVISED FISHING ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED INTO THIS REGULATION BY REFERENCE. ALL REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS IN THAT REGULATION SHALL BE ENFORCED DURING THIS FISHERY.
- B. THE BOUNDARIES OF THE GEODUCK TRACT ARE MARKED BY BUOYS OR DEFINED BY THE MONITOR.
- C. DURING THE FISHERY, NO VESSEL AT ANCHOR MAY CROSS THE TRACT BOUNDARY WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE MONITOR. ANY VESSEL THAT DOES SO SHALL BE CONSIDERED FISHING IN CLOSED WATERS.
- D. EACH GEODUCK CLAM MUST BE EXCAVATED INDIVIDUALLY FROM THE BOTTOM. THE PRACTICE OF "SIDE MINING" IS PROHIBITED. NO GEODUCK CLAM THAT IS PARTIALLY OR WHOLLY EXCAVATED MAY BE REPLACED IN THE SUBSTRATE. ALL GEODUCKS EITHER PARTIALLY OR WHOLLY EXCAVATED MUST BE RETAINED AND THE WEIGHTS RECORDED.
- E. ALL GEODUCK HARVESTED DURING THIS OPENING MUST BE OFF LOADED; THE OFFLOAD SITES ARE MATS MATS BAY, SALSBURY POINT PARK, PORT LUDLOW MARINA, AND/OR KINGSTON MARINA.
- F. THE MINIMUM GEODUCK PRICE WILL BE AS PER TRIBAL RESOLUTION

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- G. A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF 600 FEET MUST BE KEPT BETWEEN HARVESTING VESSELS. MINIMUM DISTANCE CAN BE REDUCED BY THE MONITOR TO 300 FEET, IF WEATHER CONDITONS ALLOW.
- H. EACH VESSEL'S GEODUCK HARVEST MUST BE WEIGHED BEFORE THE VESSEL LEAVES THE HARVEST AREA. IF WEIGHOUT ON THE TRACT IS NOT PRACTICAL, THE ALTERNATE WEIGHOUT SITE WILL BE KINGSTON MARINA.
- I. ALL COMMERCIAL AND TAKE HOME HARVEST MUST BE REPORTED ON THE OFFICIAL TRIBAL WEIGHOUT FORM, AT THE DESIGNATED WEIGHOUT SITE.
- J. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TAKE HOME HARVEST PER FISHER PER DAY IS 25 POUNDS.
- K. THE FISHERY WILL BE MANAGED ACCORDING TO THE MINIMUM HARVEST COMPLIANCE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE LOWER ELWHA TRIBE. IN ADDITION, OSHA COMMERCIAL DIVING REGULATIONS (STANDARDS CFR 29, PART 1910, SUBPART T, PART 1917.1 PART 1925.605) WILL APPLY TO ALL LOWER ELWHA HARVEST VESSELS.
- L. IF NITROX BREATHING GAS MIXTURE IS USED, DIVE PROFILES MUST ADHERE TO THE STANDARD AIR/NO DECOMPRESSION LIMITS.
- M. EACH VESSEL OWNER AUTHORIZED TO FISH BY THE LOWER ELWHA TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE IS ASSIGNED AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTA THAT MAY NOT BE EXCEEDED. INDIVIDUAL QUOTA AMOUNTS ARE ON FILE IN THE LOWER ELWHA FISHERIES OFFICE.
- N. THE TARGET HARVEST DURING THE TERM OF THIS REGULATION IS: 17,530 POUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON IN THE CENTRAL SOUND REGION. ADDITIONAL HARVEST ADJUSTMENTS MAY ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED TO ACCOUNT FOR UNREPORTED GEODUCK MORTALITIES THAT MAY BE ESTIMATED FOR THIS SEASON.
- O. CONTACT NUMBERS FOR THE ELWHA MONITORS ARE TERRY STEVENS- 360-565-6250 JEREMY GREENE - 360-460-3594, OR GABRIEL FLORES - 360-808-1284.

JUSTIFICATIONS: HARVEST AVAILABLE GEODUCK RESOURCE. ADDED FOULWEATHER EAST AS A HARVEST SITE.

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