

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE SECTION 4.6 CRAB REGULATION FOR REGION 5

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial and subsistence

Dungeness crab fisheries by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Region 5, Hood Canal. The term of this regulation is from June 21, 2023 through February 29, 2024, unless superseded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Lower Elwha Tribe in Region 5 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States V. Washington,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the Region 5 Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 5 Crab Harvest Management Plan.

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S23-127

DATE ADOPTED: JANUARY 12, 2024

REGULATION(S) SUPERSEDED S23-028, SECTION 5 & 7 MODIFIED

CATCH AREAS: REGION 5: CATCH REPORTING AREAS 25C, 27A AND THAT PART OF AREA 27B NORTH OF AYOCK PT.

FISHERY TYPE: SUBSISTENCE/CLOSURE

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB (*Metacarcinus magister*) AND RED ROCK CRAB (*Cancer productus*)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

LEGAL GEAR: AS PER REG. #S23-028

EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 21, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 17, 2024

DAYS/HOURS: 6:00 AM WED JUNE 21ST 2023 TO 5:00 PM WEDN JANUARY 17TH 2024

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: AS PER REG. #S23-028, ADDITIONALLY:

1. LONG LINE FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED: EACH POT BEING FISHED MUST HAVE A SURFACE BUOY ATTACHED.
2. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SUBSISTENCE POTS THAT CAN BE FISHED IN REGION 5 DURING THIS OPENING IS 3 POT PER FISHER PER DAY.
3. THE SUBSISTENCE HARVEST LIMIT IS 10 CRAB PER FISHER PER DAY.
4. ALL SUBSISTENCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTENCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL

FISHERIES OFFICE. SUBSISTENCE FISHERS MUST HAVE SUBSISTENCE CARDS  
ON

THEIR PERSON WHEN FISHING.

5. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR FISHERS TO RETAIN AND POSSESS ANY FEMALE,  
UNDERSIZED AND SOFT-SHELLED CRABS. ALL FEMALE, UNDERSIZED  
AND SOFT-SHELLED DUNGENESS CRABS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER  
UNHARMED.

6. BOUY COLORS MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED AND WHITE, NO RED AND  
WHITE COMBINATION OF ANY TYPE ARE PERMITTED. IF ANY PORTION  
OF THE BOUY IS RED, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE WHITE, NO  
REMAINING PORTION MAY BE RED.

JUSTIFICATIONS: COMMENCE SUBSISTENCE CRAB FISHING IN HOOD CANAL

\*CLOSURE ON THE 17TH DUE TO QUOTA TAKEN\*

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