

ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE
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The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Treaty Council and shall govern the commercial clam fisheries conducted off-reservation and on inter-tidal public lands within Region 8 by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. The term of this regulation is from January 1 through December 31, 2024, and is intended to regulate the oyster harvest by these member Tribes in Region 8 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of the U.S. District Court Order of August 28, 1995 (Implementation Order) in U.S. v Washington, Sub-proceeding 89-3. In the event the Region 8 Bivalve Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 8 Bivalve Management Plan.

REGULATION NUMBER: S23-149

DATE ADOPTED: MARCH 5TH, 2024

REGULATION(S)
SUPERSEDED/MODIFIED REG. #S23-001, SECTION 5

CATCH AREAS: CATCH REPORTING AREA 27A: QUILCENE SW
(270950)
QUILCENE BAY

NUSHU (273255), QUILCENE BAY
SHELLFISH AREA 27A:

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: NATIVE LITTLENECK AND MANILA CLAMS

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

LEGAL GEAR: HAND HELD RAKE, FORK OR SHOVEL

EFFECTIVE DATES: 03/9/2024 THRU 03/29/24

DAYS/HOURS: QUILCENE SW (270950) OPEN:
SATURDAY MARCH 9TH
(03/09/24) 8:15PM TO 11:59PM

NUSHU (273255), QUILCENE BAY
SHELLFISH AREA 27A:
(03/29/24) 12:30PM TO 4:00PM

RESTRICTIONS: AS PER REG. #S24-001, ADDITIONALLY:

1. HARVEST IS LIMITED TO CLAMS 1.5 INCHES IN LENGTH OR GREATER.
2. COMMERCIALY HARVESTED CLAMS MUST BE SOLD WITHIN 12 HOURS OF THE CLOSING TIME OF THE FISHERY, OR PLACED IN REFRIGERATED CONTAINERS.
3. A LABEL ISSUED BY THE FISHERIES OFFICE MUST BE AFFIXED TO EACH BAG OR CONTAINER OF COMMERCIALY HARVESTED CLAMS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HARVEST.
4. THIS HARVEST WILL OCCUR WITH AN ON THE BEACH MONITOR ACCOUNTING FOR CATCH AT THE END OF THE FISHERY. THE TOTAL HARVEST AVAILABLE FOR QUILCENE SW AND NUSHU IS 5,000 POUNDS. ONCE THE HARVEST LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED BY ALL TRIBAL DIGGERS, AS DETERMINED BY THE BEACH MONITOR, THE BEACH WILL BE CLOSED. HARVESTING ACTIVITY WILL STOP, WHICH INCLUDES DIGGING, COLLECTING AND SACKING OF CLAMS.
5. CLAMS HARVESTED ON QUILCENE MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PUBLIC PARKING AREA BY AN UPLAND ROUTE WITHIN ONE HOUR OF CLOSING TIME OR BY BOAT DURING SUBSEQUENT HIGH TIDE CYCLE. IF BOATS ARE USED, THEY MUST ALSO BE PULLED FROM THE WATER AT THE PUBLIC PARKING AREA.
6. ALL DIGGER MUST NOTIFY THEIR MONITOR THAT THEY ARE ON THE BEACH. ALL DIGGERS MUST REPORT THEIR HARVEST TO THE MONITOR BEFORE LEAVING THE BEACH. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROVISION WILL BE A VIOLATION OF THIS REGULATION.

CATCH REPORTING: ALL COMMERCIAL HARVSET MUST BE REPORTED OM TREATY INDIAN FISH TICKETS. THE GROWING AREA AND BIDN MUST BE RECORDED ON THE FISH TICKET AT THE POINT OF SALE.

JUSTIFICATIONS: HARVEST AVAILABLE CLAM RESOURCE.
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