

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the commercial shrimp fisheries conducted off-reservation and on subtidal public lands

The term of this regulation is from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, and is intended to regulate harvest by the member Tribes in Hood Canal 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Region 5 shrimp harvest management plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 5 shrimp harvest management plan.

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REGULATION NUMBER: #S23-166

DATE ADOPTED: APRIL 15, 2024

REGULATION MODIFIED S23-163

REGULATION SUPERCEDED: NONE

CATCH AREAS: SHRIMP MANAGEMENT REGION 5,
CATCH AREA 27A AND THAT PORTION OF CATCH AREA 27B NORTH OF
AYOCK POINT.

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL-CLOSING FISHERY EARLY

SPECIES: SPOT SHRIMP (*Pandalus platycerus*)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: APRIL 15 THROUGH 16, 2024

DAYS/HOURS:

THE FISHERY WILL BE OPEN FROM

6:00AM TO 12:00PM TUESDAY APRIL 16TH, 2024

POTS SHALL BE PULLED FROM THE WATER BY

12:00PM ON TUESDAY APRIL 16TH

GEAR RESTRICTIONS:

1. THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TOTAL NUMBER OF POTS AND/OR RING NETS COMBINED, IS 25

POTS PER VESSEL. SHRIMP POTS REGISTERED TO A PARTICULAR VESSEL MUST BE SET AND

PULLED BY THAT VESSEL, UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE RESPECTIVE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE.

2. LONG LINES ARE ALLOWED IN THE HOOD CANAL SHRIMP FISHERY, PROVIDED THAT ALL LONG LINES AS WELL AS SINGLE POTS AND RING NETS SHALL HAVE BUOYS ATTACHED.

BUOYS ATTACHED TO GEAR USED FOR EITHER SUBSISTENCE OR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES SHALL BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT YELLOW OR A COMBINATION OF RED AND WHITE. EACH BUOY SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY MARKED WITH THE INITIALS OF THE FISHER'S TRIBE

FOLLOWED BY THE TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER OF THE FISHER OPERATING THE GEAR. THE BUOY SHALL ALSO BE MARKED

WITH THE NUMBER OF POTS ATTACHED. EACH BUOY SHALL BE MARKED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE FISHER, TRIBAL AFFILIATION AND NUMBER OF ATTACHED POTS CAN BE IDENTIFIED WITHOUT REMOVING THE GEAR FROM THE WATER.

HARVEST RESTRICTIONS:

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

ALL FISHERS MUST BE PREPARED TO HAUL OUT ANY REFUSE CREATED BY THEIR OWN ACTIONS

DURING AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FISHERY. REFUSE DISPOSAL FACILITIES MAY BE LIMITED

IN CERTAIN AREAS OF HOOD CANAL.

HARVEST REPORTING:

1. ALL TRIBAL FISHERS IN HOOD CANAL, BOTH COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE, MUST EITHER

MAINTAIN HARVEST LOGS THAT DESCRIBE FISHING ACTIVITIES AND CATCHES, OR MUST

PROVIDE TIMELY CATCH REPORTS TO TRIBAL FISHERY MONITORS AT LANDING SITES.

A CATCH RECORD MUST BE REPORTED EACH TIME POTS ARE SET REGARDLESS OF WHETHER

OR NOT SHRIMP ARE CAUGHT.

2. LOG SHEETS SHALL BE DELIVERED BY FISHERS IN PERSON TO EITHER THE TRIBAL FISHERIES

OFFICE OR TO MONITORS LOCATED AT DESIGNATED REPORTING SITES. LOG SHEET INFORMATION MAY ALSO BE CALLED IN TO THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE BY 10:00 A.M.

THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE FISHERY, DESIGNATED REPORTING SITES WILL BE POSTED AT TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICES.

3. ALL COMMERCIAL CATCHES SHALL ALSO BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH TICKETS AS

SPECIFIED IN TRIBAL FISHERIES ORDINANCES.

4. ALL COMMERCIAL SHRIMP SALES MUST BE MADE TO TRIBALLY APPROVED BUYERS WHO

HAVE FILLED OUT A BUYER'S AGREEMENT WITH THE LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE. EXPECTED HARVEST:

DURING THE TERM OF THIS REGULATION THE EXPECTED HARVEST WILL NOT EXCEED 95,000

POUNDS FOR ALL HC TRIBES COMBINED, AS AVAILABLE FROM REGION 5 IN THE 2024-25 SEASON.

JUSTIFICATION:

CLOSING EARLY TO PREVENT OVERAGE OF SHARED TRIBAL QUOTA OF 95,000.

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