

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial Dungeness crab fisheries. The term of this regulation is from June 15, 2024 through February 15, 2025, unless superseded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Region 2W under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States v.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the Region 2W Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 2W Crab Harvest Management Plan.

REGULATION NUMBER: #S24-105

DATE ADOPTED: DECEMBER 3, 2024

REGULATION MODIFIED: LEKT REGULATIONS #S24-018, SECTION 5 AND SECTION 7

REGULATION SUPERSEDED: NONE

CATCH AREAS: SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT REGION 2 WEST, DESCRIBED AS SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 25B, 25D AND ALL KLALLAM U & A AREAS IN THAT PORTION OF 26AW SOUTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF POSSESSION POINT ON WHIDBEY ISLAND.

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB (*Metacarcinus magister*)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: DECEMBER 9, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 11, 2024

DAYS/HOURS: 1) OPEN 12:00 PM MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2024,
CLOSED 12:00 PM WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2024
2) FOR ALL OPEN AREAS, POTS MAY ONLY BE CHECKED FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET EACH DAY.

LEGAL GEAR: AS PER REGULATION #S24-018, SECTION 7 AND SECTION 8 IN ADDITION:
1. POT LIMITS FOR EACH OF THE AREAS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
A. FOR ALL AREAS COMBINED 50 POTS PER FISHER AND PER VESSEL.
B. AREA 25D: 20 POTS PER FISHER AND PER VESSEL.
2) BUOY COLORS MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED AND WHITE. NO RED AND WHITE COMBINATION OF ANY TYPE IS PERMITTED. IF ANY PORTION OF THE BUOY IS RED, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE WHITE. IF ANY PORTION OF THE BUOY IS WHITE, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE RED.
4) POTS MAY ONLY BE FISHED FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET ON EACH OPEN DAY.
5) LOST GEAR MUST BE REPORTED TO ENFORCEMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSE OF FISHERY AND A LOST POT FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN THE SUBSEQUENT 24 HOURS.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: AS PER REGULATION #S24-018, SECTION 7 AND SECTION 8 IN ADDITION:
1) THE MINIMUM SIZE FOR LEGAL CRAB IS 6 1/4 INCHES, CALIPER MEASUREMENT ACROSS THE BACK OF THE CRAB, IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE TIPS.
2) ONLY MALE CRAB 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.

REGISTRATION: ALL TRIBAL FISHERS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGION 2 WEST CRAB FISHERY MUST REGISTER AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE PRIOR TO FISHING. AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, FISHERS SHALL REPORT THE NUMBER OF POTS TO BE USED

CLOSED AREAS: AS PER REGULATION #S24-018, SECTION 6.

CATCH REPORTING: ALL COMMERCIAL CATCHES SHALL BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. THE WEIGHT OF ALL CRAB RECEIVED AND NOT PURCHASED FOR ANY REASON SHALL BE RECORDED AS TAKE HOME OR SPECIES CODE CODE 20-561 ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. ALL SUBSISTENCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTENCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE

JUSTIFICATION: HARVEST OF THE TREATY SHARE OF CRAB IN REGION 2 WEST.

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