

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Treaty Council and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial and subsistence sea cucumber fisheries by the Lower Elwha Tribe in District 1, 2-1 and 2-2. The term of this regulation is from August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025, unless superceded, and is intended to regulate the sea cucumber harvest by the Tribe in District 1, 2-1 and 2-2 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States v. Washington,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 Puget Sound Sea Cucumber Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superceded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the 2024-2025 Puget Sound Sea Cucumber Harvest Management Plan.

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE 4.6
FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE
REGULATION NUMBER: #S24-131
DATE ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 21ST, 2025
REGULATION MODIFIED: S24-121
REGULATION SUPERCEDED: NONE

CATCH AREAS: DISTRICT 1, (SAN JUAN ISLANDS) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 20B, 22A, THAT PORTION OF 20A SOUTH AND WEST OF A LINE BETWEEN TOE POINT ON PATOS ISLAND AND POINT MIGLEY ON LUMMI ISLAND, THAT PORTION OF 21A SOUTH AND WEST OF LUMMI ISLAND AND A LINE RUNNING BETWEEN CARTER POINT ON LUMMI ISLAND AND THE NORTHERN TIP OF VENDOVI ISLAND, AND THAT PORTION OF 22B NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE BETWEEN CLARK POINT ON GUEMES ISLAND AND THE SOUTHERN TIP OF VENDOVI ISLAND, WEST OF GUEMES ISLAND AND SOUTH AND WEST OF A LINE RUNNING DUE SOUTH FROM KELLYS POINT ON GUEMES ISLAND. CLOSED SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED

DISTRICT 2-1, (STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA AREA) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 23A, 23C, 23D, 29;

DISTRICT 2-2, (ADMIRALTY INLET AREA) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 23B, 25A-E;

DISTRICT 3, (CENTRAL PUGET SOUND) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREA 26A SOUTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF POSSESSION POINT ON WHIDBEY ISLAND; CLOSED

DISTRICT 4, (HOOD CANAL) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 27A-C. CLOSED

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE
SPECIES: SEA CUCUMBER (Parastichopus californicus)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: AUGUST 1ST, 2024 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28TH, 2025

DAYS/HOURS:

1. DISTRICT 1 (SAN JUAN ISLANDS):
OPENING FEBRUARY- 24TH, 25TH, 27, 28
DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY

2. DISTRICT 2-1 (STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA):
OPENING FEBRUARY-22, 23,
DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY.

3. DISTRICT 2-2 (ADMIRALTY INLET AREA):
OPENING FEBRUARY 26TH

4. DISTRICT 3 (CENTRAL PUGET SOUND): CLOSED

5. DISTRICT 4 (HOOD CANAL): CLOSED

TARGET HARVEST:

1. DISTRICT 1: 19,444.
2. DISTRICT 2-1: 8,255 POUNDS.
3. DISTRICT 2-2: 5,964.

LEGAL GEAR:

1. HARVEST EQUIPMENT IS RESTRICTED TO INDIVIDUAL HARVEST BY HAND.
DIVERS MAY HARVEST SEA CUCUMBERS USING SURFACE SUPPLIED AIR OR
SCUBA.
2. ALL TRIBAL DIVERS AND DIVER VESSELS SHALL ADHERE TO OHSA
COMMERCIAL DIVING OPERATION STANDARDS.

CLOSED ZONES:

CUCUMBER HARVEST IS NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING RESEARCH/MANAGEMENT
AREAS:

1. THOSE WATERS OF SAN JUAN CHANNEL AND UPRIGHT CHANNEL WITHIN
THE FOLLOWING LINES: NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE FROM THE
NORTHERNMOST POINT OF TURN ISLAND TO FLAT POINT ON LOPEZ
ISLAND AND THENCE PROJECTED FROM FLAT POINT TRUE WEST TO SHAW
ISLAND, NORTH OF A LINE PROJECTED FROM THE NORTHERNMOST POINT
OF TURN ISLAND TRUE WEST TO SAN JUAN ISLAND, WEST OF A LINE
FROM NECK POINT ON SHAW ISLAND TO STEEP POINT ON ORCAS
ISLAND, AND SOUTH OF A LINE FROM STEEP POINT ON ORCAS ISLAND
TO LIMESTONE POINT ON SAN JUAN ISLAND.
2. THOSE WATERS OF HARO STRAIT NORTH OF A LINE PROJECTED TRUE
WEST FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST POINT OF CATTLE POINT ON SAN JUAN
ISLAND TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER AND SOUTH OF A LINE
PROJECTED DUE WEST FROM A POINT ONE-QUARTER MILE NORTH OF
LIME KILN LIGHT ON SAN JUAN ISLAND TO THE INTERNATIONAL
BORDER.
3. ARGYLE LAGOON: THOSE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON-OWNED TIDELANDS
AND ALL BEDLANDS ENCLOSED BY THE INNER SPIT OF ARGYLE LAGOON
ON SANJUAN ISLAND.
4. THOSE WATERS WITHIN ONE-QUARTER MILE OF TATOOSH ISLAND AT 0.0

TIDE HEIGHT.

5. THOSE WATERS OF THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA IN THE VICINITY OF LOW POINT WEST OF A LINE PROJECTED TRUE NORTH FROM THE SHORELINE AT 123 DEGREES 48.3 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER, AND EAST OF A LINE PROJECTED TRUE NORTH FROM THE SHORELINE AT 123 DEGREES 52.7 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

1. THE SUBSISTENCE DAILY CATCH LIMIT IS 25 SEA CUCUMBERS PER FISHER.
2. ALL COMMERCIAL HARVESTERS MUST REGISTER AT THEIR RESPECTIVE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN THE FISHERY.

CATCH REPORTING:

1. MUST TAKE A PHOTO OF HARVEST TICKET BY CELL PHONE AND SEND CHARLENE LAUDERBACK AT 360-912-2959 AT TIME OF SALE. AND SEND BY MAIL YOUR HARVEST TICKETS TO THE FISHERIES OFFICE WITHIN FIVE WORKING DAYS LOCATED AT 760 STRATTON RD PORT ANGELES WA. 98363.
2. DAILY HARVEST INFORMATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
 - a. DATE OF HARVEST
 - b. VESSEL NAME OR BOAT REGISTRATION NUMBER
 - c. LOCATION FISHED
 - d. POUNDS LANDED
 - e. AVERAGE DEPTH OF HARVEST
 - f. NUMBER OF DIVERS
 - g. TOTAL DIVER HOURS
3. ALL COMMERCIAL AND COMMERCIAL TAKE HOME CATCHES SHALL BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. ALL SUBSISTENCE HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTENCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE.
4. LANDINGS MUST BE REPORTED AS "WHOLE UN-DRAINED" OR "SPLIT AND DRAINED." IF LANDINGS ARE "WHOLE UN-DRAINED", A CORRECTION FACTOR OF 0.5 MUST BE APPLIED TO THE HARVEST WEIGHT.

JUSTIFICATION:

CONTINUE TREATY HARVEST OF AVAILABLE SEA CUCUMBERS,

SWITCHING SCHEDULE TO HARVEST SEA CUCUMBERS AS THIS IS LAST WEEK

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