



# ELWHA FISHERIES OFFICE

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## LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE Summer-Fall Chinook Regulation F25-009

These regulations apply to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe off-reservation commercial fisheries in the in-common areas described below.

Areas and times not specifically opened by these regulations remain closed until further notice. These regulations do not modify troll fisheries described in the Annual In-Common Troll Regulations #F24-007.

### 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### a) MANAGEMENT AREAS

These regulations shall apply to the following Management and Catch Reporting Areas: 4B, 5, 6, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, (outside the exclusive harvest demarcation line for all member Tribes) 7, 9, 12, 12B.

#### b) MANAGEMENT PERIODS FOR COMMERCIAL SET NET

Area 4B	June 22 through August 23
Area 5	June 22 through August 23
Area 6C	June 22 through August 23
Area 6	July 2 through September 2
Area 6A	June 18 through September 9
Area 6B	July 2 through September 2
Area 9	July 2 through September 2
Area 7	July 9 through September 16
Area 12	July 9 through September 9
Area 12B	July 16 through September 16
Area 6D	July 23 through September 23

#### c) LAWFUL GEAR

When fisheries are open, the following gear types shall be lawful gear unless otherwise specified in emergency regulations:

- 1) Marine set gillnets ONLY: 6 ½" min. mesh.
- 2) Gillnet length restrictions as follows:

- A) Marine set nets limited to maximum length of 150 fathoms.
- B) Hook and line gear per the Annual Troll Regulation #F25-006 which supersedes these regulations where applicable.

## **2. FISHERY AREA RESTRICTIONS**

**Area 5:** Pysht Bay inshore of a line from Pillar Point to the mouth of Deep Creek will be closed to all fishing. Hoko Bay, inshore from a line connecting Kydaka Point and Shipwreck Point will be closed to all fishing.

**Area 6C:** Port Angeles Harbor, west of a line from the tip of Ediz Hook to the ITT Rayonier Dock, shall be closed to all fishing. Freshwater Bay, inshore of a line between Angeles Point and Observatory Point, shall be closed to all fishing.

**Area 12, 12B:** No marine gillnets may be operated within a 1,000 ft. radius around all waters within channels created by exposed tidelands of the Dosewallips, Duckabush, and Hamma Hamma rivers and around all stream mouths that are not open to net fishing. In Area 12, the mouth of Big Beef Creek is defined by the Seabeck Highway bridge crossing.

**In all areas:** Marine nets must not be operated closer than 1,000 feet from any stream or river mouth. Stream mouths are generally defined as the point where a stream enters the marine area at mean low water.

## **3. FISHERIES OPENINGS**

- a) Areas 4B, 5, 6C: Open to set nets from June 22 through August 23; 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.
- b) Areas 12, 12B: Open to gillnets from July 20 through August 20; 3 days a week dependent on co-manager agreement, sunrise to sunset.
- c) Areas 6, 6A, 6B, 6D, 7, 9: Closed to commercial fishing until further notice.

## **4. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

Openings as well as restrictions outlined in these regulations may be modified at any time by emergency regulations based on in-season management considerations. Fishers should check with the Fisheries Office.

## **5. EXPECTED EFFORT AND HARVEST**

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe intends to fully harvest their lawful share of summer-fall Chinook salmon. Expected effort is 1-2 fishing vessels.

## 6. AUTHORITY

This regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Fisheries Manager under authority specified by the Lower Elwha Klallam Fishing Ordinance Third Edition.

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