

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 The term of this regulation is from June 15, 2025 through April 15, 2026, unless superseded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Region 3 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States v.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the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan.

REGULATION NUMBER: S25-053  
DATE ADOPTED: JUNE 16TH, 2025

REGULATION(S) S25-035, SECTION 5 & 7 MODIFIED  
MODIFIED:

CATCH AREAS: CRUSTACEAN MANAGEMENT REGION 3,  
DESCRIBED AS: 3-3 & 3-4  
(SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 23C AND 29)  
SUB-AREA 3-3: CATCH AREA 23C EAST - THOSE WATERS OF PUGET

SOUND WESTERLY OF A LINE DUE NORTH FROM THE EDIZ HOOK LIGHT TO  
THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY; AND EASTERLY OF A LINE PROJECTED DUE  
NORTH TO LOW POINT.

SUB-AREA 3-4: CATCH AREA 23C WEST - THOSE WATERS OF PUGET  
SOUND WESTERLY OF A LINE DUE NORTH FROM LOW POINT TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
BOUNDARY; AND EASTERLY OF A LINE PROJECTED DUE NORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF  
THE SEIKU RIVER.  
CATCH AREA 29 - THOSE WATERS OF THE STRAIT OF JUAN  
DE FUCA WEST OF A LINE PROJECTED DUE NORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF THE  
SEKIU RIVER, AND EAST OF A LINE PROJECTED FROM THE BONILLA POINT LIGHT  
ON VANCOUVER ISLAND TO THE TATOOSH ISLAND LIGHT, THEN TO THE MOST  
WESTERLY POINT OF CAPE FLATTERY.

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 17TH, 2025 - APRIL 15TH, 2026

DAYS/HOURS: 1) OPEN 08:00AM TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2025 THROUGH  
6:00PM WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH, 2026 OR UNTIL TRIBAL  
QUOTA IS TAKEN.

2. FOR ALL OPEN AREAS, POTS MAY ONLY BE CHECKED  
FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES  
AFTER SUNSET EACH DAY.
3. THE SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES FOR FISHERS  
PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMMERCIAL OPENER  
WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

LEGAL GEAR: AS PER REG. #S25-035, ADDITIONALLY:  
POT LIMIT: 50 POTS PER FISHER AND PER VESSEL

HARVEST

RESTRICTIONS: THE TOTAL TRIBAL HARVEST QUOTA FOR SUB-AREA 3-3 IS 12,134  
LBS.

THE TOTAL TRIBAL HARVEST QUOTA FOR SUB-AREA 3-4 IS 9,500  
LBS

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: AS PER REG. #S25-035, ADDITIONALLY:

1. THE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR LEGAL CRAB IS 6.25  
INCHES, CALIPER MEASUREMENT ACROSS THE BACK OF  
THE CRAB, IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE TIPS
2. ONLY MALE CRABS 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. FISHERS WISHING TO  
TEND THE GEAR OF ANOTHER FISHER ON A TEMPORARY BASIS  
MUST OBTAIN A GEAR-TENDING PERMIT SPECIFIC TO THAT  
FISHER, FROM THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE. TRIBAL  
FISHERIES STAFF MAY DECLINE REQUESTS FOR PERMITS.  
PERMITS WILL BE VALID FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME.  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THE TRIBAL  
FISHERIES STAFF.
4. SUBSISTENCE IN THIS AREA FOR NON COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN  
WILL ALSO OPEN JUNE 16TH.

JUSTIFICATIONS: HARVEST AVAILABLE TREATY SHARE OF CRAB  
IN THE AREA.

(LOWER ELWHA FISHERIES  
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