

S25-031 Elwha River Coho Fishery 2025

Details

- Opens at 7am on Monday, September 22nd through October 31st or the attainment of the 400 Coho quota
- Hook and Line and Set Nets open on Monday, September 22nd
- Snagging opens one week later on Monday, September 27th
- 10 fish per person per day, handheld gear open from 7:00am to 7:00pm, set nets open 24 hours a day

Registration

- Must be 13 years of age or older to sign up
- Sign-up sheets available now in the Natural Resources Building
 - Fisher Registration
 - Elders in need of Assistance
 - Designated Fishers for Elders
 - Set Net Lottery
- All fishers must have an Elwha River specific Tribal Subsistence Catch Reporting Card (available to pick up starting Tuesday, September 16th) which must be filled out with all fish caught and released, including non-target species (Chinook, Bull Trout, etc.)

Set Net Lottery

- **New** this year: fishers may use their own legal gear in the set net fishery
 - minimum stretched mesh, 5.5-inch, maximum stretched mesh 6-inch: the maximum net length shall be 25 fathoms. No set-net may block more than one-half of the river cross-section which is navigable by salmon at low tide.
- One set net provided by Natural Resources will be set up and available for use at the uppermost site
- Set Net fishery will remain open 24 hours a day
 - Set nets **must be attended at all times** while fishing

- All overnight fish caught or released during the set net fishery must be reported to Natural Resource staff at the Natural Resources building by 5:00pm the following business day (Monday-Friday).
- 10 fish per day, a day starts at 7:00am
- Set Net spots will be decided by lottery and be on a two-day rotation
 - Rotation is one set downstream every 2 days at 7:00am
 - Sign-up sheet available in the Natural Resources building now
 - Must be 18 years of age or older to sign up
 - Lottery sign-ups will close at 5:00pm on Thursday, September 18th and results will be announced by 9:00am on Friday, September 19th.
 - Fishers who do not sign up for the lottery and wish to participate will be placed at the end of the rotation list, starting at the upstream end of the occupied sites.

Full fishery regulations are available online at

<https://www.elwha.org/departments/natural-resources/lekt-regulations/>