

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 The term of this regulation is from June 15, 2025 through April 15, 2026, unless superseded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Region 3 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States v.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the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan.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: S25-095
DATE ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 22, 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) REGION 3-3:
OPEN 08:00AM TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2025 THROUGH
7:00PM TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2025
2) REGION 3-4:
OPEN 08:00AM TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2025 THROUGH
6:00PM WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH, 2026 OR UNTIL TRIBAL
QUOTA IS TAKEN
3) FOR ALL OPEN AREAS, POTS MAY ONLY BE CHECKED
FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES
AFTER SUNSET EACH DAY.
4) 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: CLOSURE OF REGION 3-3 DUE TO ATTAINMENT OF THE QUOTA.
REGION 3-4 REMAINS OPEN TO HARVEST.

(LOWER ELWHA FISHERIES

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