

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE SECTION 4.6 CRAB REGULATION FOR REGION 3

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Region 3. The term of this regulation is from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, unless superseded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Region 3 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States v.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the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan.

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S25-138

DATE ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 25, 2026

REGULATION(S): S25-035 SECTION 5 & 7; S25-134  
MODIFIED:

CATCH AREAS: CRUSTACEAN MANAGEMENT REGION 3, DESCRIBED AS:  
SUBREGION 3-2 (SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 25A, 25E,  
AND 23D).

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB (*Metacarcinus magister*) AND RED  
ROCK  
CRAB (*Cancer productus*)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31ST, 2026

DAYS/HOURS: 1) OPEN 08:00AM TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH  
CLOSE 06:00PM TUESDAY MARCH 31ST, OR  
UNTIL THE ATTAINMENT OF THE QUOTA,  
WHICHVER COMES FIRST.

2) FOR ALL OPEN AREAS, POTS MAY ONLY BE CHECKED  
FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES  
AFTER SUNSET EACH DAY.

LEGAL GEAR: AS PER REG. #S25-035, SECTION 7 AND 8 IN ADDITION:  
1. POT LIMITS FOR EACH OF THE AREAS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:  
A) FOR ALL OF SUBREGION 3-2, A TOTAL OF 70 POTS PER  
VESSEL FOR ALL AREAS COMBINED;  
B) FOR INNER DUNGENESS BAY (ALL WATERS OF DUNGENESS  
BAY WEST OF THE 123 DEGREES 6.50 MINUTES LONGITUDE  
LINE FROM THE NEW DUNGENESS LIGHT- 35 POTS PER

VESSEL.

- C) FOR SEQUIM BAY (ALL WATERS OF SEQUIM BAY SOUTH OF A LINE TRUE WEST FROM TRAVIS SPIT TO THE MILLER PENINSULA): 20 POTS PER VESSEL.
  - D) FOR DISCOVERY BAY (AREA 25E, EXCLUDING ALL WATERS SOUTH OF A LINE FROM CONTRACTORS POINT TO TUKEY POINT): 20 POTS PER VESSEL
- 2. BUOY COLORS MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED AND WHITE. NO RED AND WHITE COMBINATION OF ANY TYPE ARE PERMITTED. IF ANY PORTION OF THE BUOY IS RED NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE WHITE. IF ANY PORTION OF THE BUOY IS WHITE, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE RED.

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 UNLWFUL 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.
- 4. FISHERS WILL NEED TO SEND IN A DAILY COUNT PLEASE TAKE PICTURE AND SEND TO MY WORK CELL 360-912-4355.
- 5. LONGLINE FISHING IS PERMITTED. A MAXIMUM OF 5 POTS PER LONGLINE IS ALLOWED, PROVIDED THAT EACH LONGLINE HAS AT LEAST ONE BUOY ATTACHED THAT CONFORMS WITH THE BUOY REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATION #S24-018, SECTION 7. BUOYS MUST REMAIN FLOATING AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT DURING EXTREME TIDES. BUOYS WILL BE MARKED WITH THE TRIBE S INITIALS (LEK) AND WITH THE FISHER S ID NUMBER. BUOY LINES WILL BE WEIGHTED TO KEEP THE LINES FROM FLOATING.

REGISTRATION: ALL TRIBAL FISHERS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGION 3 CRAB FISHERY MUST REGISTER AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE PRIOR TO FISHING. AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, FISHERS SHALL REPORT THE NUMBER OF POTS TO BE USED.

CATCH REPORTING: ALL COMMERCIAL CATCHES SHALL BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. THE WEIGHT OF ALL CRAB RECEIVED AND NOT PURCHASED FOR ANY REASON SHALL BE RECORDED AS TAKE HOME OR SPECIES CODE CODE 20-561 ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. ALL SUBSISTANCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTANCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE.

LOST GEAR REPORTING:

- 1. ALL FISHERS MUST REPORT LOST GEAR TO ENFORCEMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FISHERY.

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2. ALL FISHERS MUST FILL OUT A LOST POT FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO  
NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE CLOSE OF  
FISHERY.

JUSTIFICATIONS: HARVEST OF THE TREATY SHARE OF CRAB IN REGION  
3 SUBREGION 3-2. THIS REGULATION EXTENDS THE  
CLOSURE DATE TO TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST AT 6PM OR UPON  
ATTAINMENT OF THE QUOTA, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.  
INCREASED THE SUBREGION POT LIMIT TO 70 POTS.

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