

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S26-007

DATE ADOPTED: APRIL 08, 2026

REGULATION(S) MODIFIED: #S26-006, SECTION 5,

CATCH AREAS: SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREA 23D,
KAHIYU #00340
25A PROTECTION ISLAND #01000

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL
SPECIES: GEODUCK CLAM (PANOPE ABRUPTA)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

LEGAL GEAR: HIGH PRESSURE WATER JET, 5/8 INCH DIAMETER
NOZZLE

EFFECTIVE DATES: APRIL 1, 2026 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2027

DAYS/HOURS: OPEN TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 7:00 A.M. TO
3:00 P.M.,

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: AS PER ANNUAL REG. #S26-006, ADDITIONALLY:
A. THE 2026 LOWER ELWHA GEODUCK MANAGEMENT PLAN IS ADOPTED INTO THIS REGULATION BY REFERENCE. ALL REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS IN THAT PLAN SHALL BE ENFORCED DURING THIS FISHERY.
B. THE BOUNDARIES OF THE GEODUCK TRACT ARE MARKED BY BUOYS OR DEFINED BY THE MONITOR.
C. DURING THE FISHERY, NO VESSEL AT ANCHOR MAY CROSS THE TRACT BOUNDARY WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE MONITOR. ANY VESSEL THAT DOES SO SHALL BE CONSIDERED FISHING IN CLOSED WATERS.
E. EACH GEODUCK CLAM MUST BE EXCAVATED INDIVIDUALLY FROM THE BOTTOM. THE PRACTICE OF "SIDE MINING" IS PROHIBITED. NO GEODUCK CLAM THAT IS PARTIALLY OR WHOLLY EXCAVATED MAY BE REPLACED IN THE SUBSTRATE. ALL GEODUCKS EITHER PARTIALLY OR WHOLLY EXCAVATED MUST BE RETAINED AND THE WEIGHTS RECORDED.
D. ALL GEODUCK HARVESTED DURING THIS FISHERY

MUST BE OFF LOADED AT THE PORT ANGELES BOAT HAVEN IN PORT ANGELES FOR DUNGENESS WEST TRACT.

AND JOHN WAYNE MARINA FOR PROTECTION ISLAND.

- E. THE MINIMUM GEODUCK PRICE WILL BE AS PER TRIBAL RESOLUTION #08-99.
- F. A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF 600 FEET MUST BE KEPT BETWEEN HARVESTING VESSELS. THE MINIMUM DISTANCE CAN BE REDUCED BY THE MONITOR TO 300 FEET, IF WEATHER CONDITONS ALLOW.
- G. THE QUOTA FOR THIS FISHERY IS 85,726 LBS.
- H. EACH VESSEL'S GEODUCK HARVEST MUST BE WEIGHED BEFORE THE VESSEL LEAVES THE HARVEST AREA. IF WEIGHOUT ON THE TRACT IS NOT PRACTICAL, THE ALTERNATE WEIGHOUT SITE WILL BE PORT ANGELES FOR DUNGENESS TRACT. AND JOHN WAYNE MARINA FOR PROTECTION ISLAND.
- I. ALL COMMERCIAL AND TAKE HOME HARVEST MUST BE REPORTED ON THE OFFICIAL TRIBAL WEIGHOUT FORM, AT THE DESIGNATED WEIGHOUT SITE.
- J. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TAKE HOME HARVEST PER FISHER IS 25 POUNDS PER DAY.
- K. THE FISHERY WILL BE MANAGED ACCORDING TO THE MINIMUM HARVEST COMPLIANCE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE LOWER ELWHA TRIBE. IN ADDITION, OSHA COMMERCIAL DIVING REGULATIONS (STANDARDS CFR 29, PART 1910, SUBPART T, PART 1917.1 AND PART 1925.605) WILL APPLY TO ALL LOWER ELWHA HARVEST VESSELS.
- L. EACH VESSEL OWNER AUTHORIZED TO FISH BY THE 2023 LOWER ELWHA GEODUCK MANAGEMENT PLAN IS ASSIGNED AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTA THAT MAY NOT BE EXCEEDED. INDIVIDUAL QUOTA AMOUNTS ARE ON FILE IN THE LOWER ELWHA FISHERIES OFFICE.

JUSTIFICATIONS:

HARVEST AVAILABLE GEODUCK RESOURCE.
(LOWER ELWHA FISHERIES)

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