

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Treaty Council and shall govern the commercial shrimp fisheries conducted off-reservation and on subtidal public lands by Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. The term of this regulation is from March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026, and is intended to regulate harvest by these member Tribes in shrimp management region 3 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of the U.S. District Court Order of August 28, 1995 (Implementation Order) in U.S. v Washington, Sub-proceeding 89-3. In the event the regional shrimp management plans are completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the region 3 shrimp harvest management plan

REGULATION NUMBER: S26-016

DATE ADOPTED: APRIL 30, 2026

REGULATION MODIFIED: REG. #S26-005, SECTION 3

REGULATION SUPERCEDED: NONE

CATCH AREAS: SHRIMP MANAGEMENT REGION 3,  
CATCH AREA 23B, 23C, 23D, 25A, 25E, AND 29

DISTRICT 1 (THOSE WATERS OF AREA 25A SOUTH OF A LINE FROM MCCURDY POINT ON THE QUIMPER PENINSULA TO THE NORTHERN TIP OF PROTECTION ISLAND, THEN TO ROCKY POINT ON THE MILLER PENINSULA, AND ALL WATERS OF AREA 25E-DISCOVERY BAY)

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE

SPECIES: NON- SPOT SHRIMP; COONSTRIPE, SIDESTRIPE, HUMPBACK SHRIMP

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: MAY 1 TO OCT 15, 2026

DAYS/HOURS: 1) FOR AREAS 23B, 23C, 23D, AND 25A (OUTSIDE DISTRICT 1), AND 29: OPEN 5:00 AM FRIDAY MAY 1ST AND CONTINUING DAILY THROUGH THURSDAY OCT 15, 2026 OR UNTIL THE TREATY QUOTA FOR THESE SHRIMP DISTRICTS HAS BEEN TAKEN.  
2) FOR DISTRICT 1: OPEN 5:00 AM FRIDAY MAY 1ST AND CONTINUING DAILY THROUGH THURSDAY OCT 15, 2026, OR UNTIL THE TREATY QUOTA FOR THIS SHRIMP DISTRICT HAS BEEN TAKEN.  
3) POTS MAY ONLY BE PICKED FROM ONE HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE TO ONE HOUR AFTER SUNSET EACH DAY.

LEGAL GEAR:

- AS PER REG. #S26-005, SECTION 5
- 1) THE MAXIMUM TOTAL NUMBER OF POTS AND/OR RING NETS COMBINED PER VESSEL IN THIS FISHERY WILL BE 100 POTS.
  - 2) ALL POTS AND RING NETS SHALL HAVE BUOYS ATTACHED. BUOYS MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT YELLOW OR ANY COMBINATION OF RED AND WHITE. BUOYS MUST REMAIN FLOATING AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT DURING EXTREME TIDES. BUOYS WILL ALSO BE MARKED WITH THE TRIBE'S INITIALS AND WITH THE FISHER'S ID NUMBER. BUOY LINES WILL BE WEIGHTED TO KEEP THE LINES FROM FLOATING.
  - 3) THERE IS NO MINIMUM MESH SIZE FOR SHRIMP POTS AND RING NETS FISHING FOR NON-SPOT SHRIMP, AND THERE IS NO MINIMUM MESH SIZE FOR ENTRY TUNNELS, BUT TUNNELS CAN ONLY BE LOCATED ON THE SIDES OF THE POTS.

HARVEST RISTRCTIONS:

THE TOTAL TRIBAL QUOTA FOR NON SPOT SHRIMP IN CATCH AREAS 23A-D, 25A OUTSIDE DISTRICT 1 AND CATCH AREA 29 IS 30,000 LBS.  
FOR DISTRCT 1 THE TRIBAL QUOTA FOR NON SPOT SHRIMP IS 2,000 LBS.  
THESE FISHERIES WILL CLOSE PRIOR TO OCTOBER 15 IF THE TRIBAL QUOTAS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BEFORE THIS DATE.

THE DAILY SUBSISTENCE HARVEST LIMIT IS 20 LBS PER FISHER. ALL FISHERS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THIS FISHERY WITH THE FISHERIES OFFICE BEFORE PARTICIPATING.

HARVEST REPORTING:

- 1) AS PER REGULATION #S26-005 SECTION 8.
- 2) ALL DAILY HARVEST INFORMATION WILL BE REPORTED TO THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF EACH HARVEST. HARVEST INFO SHALL INCLUDE THE DATE, VESSEL NAME, NUMBER OF POTS, MESH SIZE, POT SOAK TIMES, CATCH AREA, LOCATION FISHED, POUNDS LANDED BY SPEICES AND TOTAL POUNDS LANDED.
- 3) ALL COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTANCE CATCHES SHALL BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECIEVING TICKETS AS SPECIFIED IN THE TRIBAL FISHERIES ORDINANCE. ALSO, ALL COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT LANDINGS MUST BE RECORDED ON RECIEVING TICKETS AS A WHOLE WEIGHT.

JUSTIFICATION:

COMMENCE HARVEST OF THE TREATY SHARE OF NON-SPOT SHRIMP IN REGION 3.

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