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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE Herring Regulations F26-008

The following regulations are promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. These regulations apply to herring fishing for any commercial purpose by Lower Elwha Klallam tribal members. All areas not specifically opened shall remain closed. All gear not specifically mentioned shall be considered illegal in accordance with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Fishing Ordinance Third Edition.

Note: These regulations shall not apply to herring roe fisheries.

1. EFFECTIVE DATES

May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027

2. DAYS AND TIMES OPEN

7 days a week, 24 hours a day, except as noted below.

3. AREAS

WDFW Marine Fish and Shellfish Catch Reporting Areas: 22A, 23A, 23B, 23C, 23D, 25A, 25B, 25C (except Port Gamble Bay) 25D, 25E, 27A, 27B and 29.

4. LAWFUL GEAR

Beach seine: 350" maximum length, min. mesh ½".
Dip net (3 ft. max. diameter).
Ring Net (6 ft. max diameter).
Herring rake.
Snag lines.

5. SPECIAL AREA AND TIME CLOSURES

The following areas are closed to all gear except dip net during the following time periods:

A. Closed February 1 through April 30:

- a) Orcas Island: West Sound, East Sound north of a line drawn westward from Cascade Bay.
- b) San Juan Island; Roche Harbor, Westcott Bay, Mosquito Pass.
- c) Lopez Island; Mud Bay, Hunter Bay.
- d) Hood Canal between a line drawn east from Hazel Point and a line connecting Triton Head and Tekiu Point (including Dabob and Quilcene Bay).

B. Closed February 1 through March 31:

- a) Discovery Bay.
- b) Sequim Bay.
- c) Port Townsend and Kilisut Harbor west and south of a line connecting Point Hudson and Marrowstone Point.

6. INCIDENTAL CATCHES

Salmon and steelhead caught incidentally must be released unharmed unless such retention is permitted under salmon regulations.

7. IDENTIFICATION AND SALES


Vessels and gear must be marked in accordance with the Lower Elwha Klallam Fishing Ordinance Third Edition. Additionally, live boxes must be marked legibly with the owners name and I.D. number lettering not less than 3" high. All sales must be reported on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets.

8. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

The above regulations may be amended at any time by emergency regulations.

9. AUTHORITY

This regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Fisheries Manager under authority specified by the Lower Elwha Klallam Fishing Ordinance Third Edition.



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