

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: #F26-007

DATE ADOPTED: May 07, 2026

REGULATION
SUPERSEDED/MODIFIED: None

CATCH AREAS: All Lower Elwha Klallam Usual and Accustomed marine and freshwater areas.

FISHERY TYPE: Subsistence

SPECIES: All species of salmon and steelhead.

ON/OFF RESERVATION: Off

LAWFUL GEAR: Hand held gear as specified in Tribal Fishing Ordinances (hook and line, dip-net, etc.)

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027

DAYS/HOURS: Open 7 days per week, 24 hours per day, except as restricted below in this regulation.

DAILY LIMIT: No more than six (6) salmon (including Steelhead), per day, except as listed below in this regulation.

AREA RESTRICTIONS: Areas 4B, 5, 6 (west of Green Point), 6c, and 7: Release all chum salmon July 1 through September 30.

Area 9: Chinook bag limit 6; release chum June 1 through September 30.

Area 9A: Release steelhead March 15 through November 30.

Area 6 (east of Green Point), 6A, 6B, 6D: Release all Chinook and chum salmon June 1 through September 30.

Areas 12, 12A, 12B: Release steelhead; release chum salmon June 1 through September 30.

Closed within a 1000 ft. radius around all waters within channels created by exposed tidelands of the Dosewallips, Duckabush, and Hamma Hamma rivers from June 1 through September 30.

Dosewallips, Duckabush, and Hamma Hamma: Open for salmon from October 1 through March 15; steelhead limit 2 per day; release Chinook; release chum through October 15; closed March 16 through September 30.

Big Quilcene River (Area 82F):

August 16 2026 through August 15 2026 - Closed

Dungeness River: Salmon and steelhead open October 16 through March 15; opening may be delayed depending on river flow and in-season conditions meeting co-manager agreed-to criteria. Closed March 16 through October 15.

All other freshwater areas:

Hook and line subsistence fishing regulated by provisions in the Tribal Fishing Ordinance.

Non-commercial hand held gear fishing by tribal citizens at Usual and Accustomed freshwater fishing grounds and stations is permitted for subsistence and/or recreational purposes whenever all citizen recreational fisheries are open.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

All fishers shall have a Tribal Subsistence Catch Reporting Card while subsistence harvesting, and record all subsistence catches on the subsistence card, as per the Tribal Fishing Ordinance.

Subsistence harvest of salmon and steelhead in commercial fisheries and/or with other gear types are regulated under other Lower Elwha Klallam regulations. All take-home fish from a commercial landing must be recorded as take-home on a commercial ticket.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS:

Openings and restrictions outlined in these regulations may be modified at any time by emergency regulations and more specific subsistence and/or ceremonial salmon and steelhead fishing activity may be issued as necessary.

JUSTIFICATION(S):

Provide tribal subsistence harvest with regulatory action necessary to assist in the conservation effort of depressed salmon and steelhead populations.

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