

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE SECTION 4.6 CRAB REGULATION FOR REGION 5

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial and subsistence Dungeness crab fisheries by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Region 5, Hood Canal. The term of this regulation is from June 15, 2026 through February 28, 2027, unless superseded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Lower Elwha Tribe in Region 5 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States V. Washington,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the Region 5 Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 5 Crab Harvest Management Plan.

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S26-027

DATE ADOPTED: JUNE 12, 2026

REGULATION(S) SUPERSEDED S26-022, SECTION 5 & 7 MODIFIED

CATCH AREAS: REGION 5: CATCH REPORTING AREAS 25C, 27A AND THAT PART OF AREA 27B NORTH OF AYOCK PT.

FISHERY TYPE: SUBSISTENCE

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

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

LEGAL GEAR: AS PER REG. #S26-022

EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 15, 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2027

DAYS/HOURS: 6:00 AM MON JUNE 15TH 2025 TO 5:00 PM SUN FEBRUARY 28TH 2027

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: AS PER REG. #S26-022, ADDITIONALLY:

1. LONG LINE FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED: EACH POT BEING FISHED MUST HAVE A SURFACE BUOY ATTACHED.
2. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SUBSISTENCE POTS THAT CAN BE FISHED IN REGION 5 DURING THIS OPENING IS 3 POT PER FISHER PER DAY.
3. THE SUBSISTENCE HARVEST LIMIT IS 10 CRAB PER FISHER PER DAY.

4. ALL SUBSISTENCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH
SUBSISTENCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL FISHERIES
OFFICE. SUBSISTENCE FISHERS MUST HAVE SUBSISTENCE CARDS ON THEIR
PERSON WHEN FISHING.

5. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR FISHERS TO RETAIN AND POSSESS ANY FEMALE,
UNDERSIZED AND SOFT-SHELLED CRABS. ALL FEMALE, UNDERSIZED AND
SOFT-SHELLED DUNGENESS CRABS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER
UNHARMED.

6. BOUY COLORS MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED AND WHITE, NO RED AND
WHITE COMBINATION OF ANY TYPE ARE PERMITTED. IF ANY PORTION
OF THE BOUY IS RED, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE WHITE, NO
REMAINING PORTION MAY BE RED.

JUSTIFICATIONS: COMMENCE SUBSISTENCE CRAB FISHING IN HOOD CANAL

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