

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE SECTION 4.6 CRAB REGULATION FOR REGION 3

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Region 3. The term of this regulation is from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027, unless superseded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Region 3 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States v.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the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan.

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S26-030

DATE ADOPTED: JUNE 12, 2026

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

CATCH AREAS: CRUSTACEAN MANAGEMENT REGION 3, DESCRIBED AS:
SUBREGION 3-1 (SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 23A
AND 23B).

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 15, 2026 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2027

DAYS/HOURS: 1) OPEN ON OR AFTER JUNE 15TH, 2026.
ACTUAL DAYS AND HOURS WILL BE SET IN A SUBSEQUENT AND
SUPERSEDING REGULATION

2) FOR ALL OPEN AREAS, POTS MAY ONLY BE CHECKED
FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES
AFTER SUNSET EACH DAY.

LEGAL GEAR: AS PER REG. #S26-022, SECTION 7 AND 8 IN ADDITION:
1. POT LIMITS FOR EACH OF THE AREAS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
A. FOR ALL AREAS COMBINED 30 TAGGED POTS PER FISHER AND
PER VESSEL.
2. BUOY COLORS MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED AND WHITE.
NO RED AND WHITE COMBINATION OF ANY TYPE ARE
PERMITTED. IF ANY PORTION OF THE BUOY IS RED NO
REMAINING PORTION MAY BE WHITE. IF ANY PORTION
OF THE BUOY IS WHITE, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE RED.

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

1. THE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR LEGAL CRAB IS 6.25 INCHES, CALIPER MEASUREMENT ACROSS THE BACK OF THE CRAB, IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE TIPS.
2. ONLY MALE CRABS MAY BE TAKEN. IT IS UNLWFUL FOR FISHERS TO RETAIN AND POSSESS ANY FEMALE DUNGENESS CRAB, UNDERSIZED, OR SOFT-SHELLED CRABS. ALL FEMALE DUNGENESS CRAB, UNDERSIZED, OR SOFT-SHELLED CRABS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER UNHARMED.
3. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE FROM THE WATER OR TAMPER WITH ANOTHER FISHER S CRAB GEAR. ANY CRAB GEAR FOUND WITHOUT LEGIBLE IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE.
4. FISHERS WILL NEED TO SEND IN A DAILY COUNT PLEASE TAKE PICTURE AND SEND TO MY WORK CELL 360-912-4355.
5. ALL BOATS MUST SET THEIR OWN REGISTERED GEAR AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISHERY AND MUST PICK UP THEIR OWN REGISTERED GEAR AT THE

END

OF THE FISHERY. DURING THE FISHERY, NOT INCLUDING THE INITIAL

DROP

AND FINAL PICK UP, A BOAT MAY RUN UP TO TWO SETS OF GEAR IN

SUMMER

(PRIOR TO OCT. 1) AND UP TO THREE SET OF GEAR IN THE WINTER

(AFTER SEPT. 30) AS LONG AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OR OPERATOR OF

THAT

GEAR IS ON BOARD THE BOAT WORKING THE GEAR. ANY ADJUSTMENT TO

THE

TIMING OF THE SUMMER AND WINTER SEASONS WILL BE REFLECTED IN

UPDATED

REGULATIONS.

REGISTRATION: ALL TRIBAL FISHERS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGION 3 CRAB FISHERY MUST REGISTER AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE PRIOR TO FISHING. AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, FISHERS SHALL REPORT THE NUMBER OF POTS TO BE USED.

CATCH REPORTING: ALL COMMERCIAL CATCHES SHALL BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. THE WEIGHT OF ALL CRAB RECEIVED AND NOT PURCHASED FOR ANY REASON SHALL BE RECORDED AS TAKE HOME OR SPECIES CODE CODE 20-561 ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. ALL SUBSISTANCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTANCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE.

JUSTIFICATIONS: THIS REGULATION PROVIDES NOTICE OF THE INTENT TO OPEN SUBREGION 3-1 DURING THE 2026-2027 SEASON.

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