

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial Dungeness crab fisheries.

The term of this regulation is from June 15, 2026 through February 15, 2027, unless superseded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest

by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Region 2W 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the Region 2W Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded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 2W Crab Harvest Management Plan.

REGULATION NUMBER: #S26-031

DATE ADOPTED: JUNE 12, 2026

REGULATION MODIFIED: LEKT REGULATIONS #S26-022, SECTION 5 AND SECTION 7

REGULATION SUPERSEDED: NONE

CATCH AREAS: SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT REGION 2 WEST, DESCRIBED AS SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 25B, 25D AND ALL KLALLAM U & A AREAS IN THAT PORTION OF 26AW SOUTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF POSSESSION POINT ON WHIDBEY ISLAND.

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB (*Metacarcinus magister*)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 15, 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 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 REGULATION #S26-022, SECTION 7 AND SECTION 8 IN ADDITION:

FOLLOWS:

1. POT LIMITS FOR EACH OF THE AREAS WILL BE AS

AND

A. FOR ALL AREAS COMBINED 50 POTS PER FISHER

PER VESSEL.

VESSEL.

B. AREA 25D: 20 POTS PER FISHER AND PER

WHITE.

2) BUOY COLORS MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED AND

PERMITTED.

NO RED AND WHITE COMBINATION OF ANY TYPE IS

PORTION MAY BE WHITE.

IF ANY PORTION OF THE BUOY IS RED, NO REMAINING

PORTION MAY BE RED.

IF ANY PORTION OF THE BUOY IS WHITE, NO REMAINING

SUNRISE

4) POTS MAY ONLY BE FISHED FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE

TO 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET ON EACH OPEN DAY.

FOLLOWING CLOSE OF FISHERY

5) LOST GEAR MUST BE REPORTED TO ENFORCEMENT IMMEDIATELY

SUBSEQUENT 24 HOURS.

AND A LOST POT FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN THE

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

AS PER REGULATION #S26-022, SECTION 7 AND SECTION

8 IN ADDITION:

CALIPER

1) THE MINIMUM SIZE FOR LEGAL CRAB IS 6 1/4 INCHES,

IN FRONT

MEASUREMENT ACROSS THE BACK OF THE CRAB, IMMEDIATELY

OF THE TIPS.

UNLAWFUL FOR FISHERS TO

2) ONLY MALE CRAB MAY BE TAKEN. IT IS

UNDERSIZED,

RETAIN AND POSSESS ANY FEMALE DUNGENESS CRAB,

UNDERSIZED,

OR SOFT-SHELLED CRABS. ALL FEMALE DUNGENESS CRAB,

UNHARMED.

OR SOFT-SHELLED CRABS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER

OR TAMPER WITH ANOTHER

3) IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE FROM THE WATER

LEGIBLE

FISHER'S CRAB GEAR. ANY CRAB GEAR FOUND WITHOUT

TRIBAL

IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE

FISHERIES OFFICE.

REGISTRATION:

ALL TRIBAL FISHERS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

REGION

2 WEST 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

CLOSED AREAS: AS PER REGULATION #S26-022, SECTION 6.

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 SUBSISTENCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTENCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE

JUSTIFICATION: THIS REGULATION PROVIDES NOTICE OF THE INTENT TO OPEN REGION 2W DURING THE 2026-2027 SEASON.

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