

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 The term of this regulation is from June 15, 2026 through April 15, 2027, unless superseded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Region 3 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States v.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the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan.

REGULATION NUMBER: S26-033
DATE ADOPTED: JUNE 12TH, 2026

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

CATCH AREAS: CRUSTACEAN MANAGEMENT REGION 3,
DESCRIBED AS: 3-3 & 3-4
(SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 23C AND 29)
SUB-AREA 3-3: CATCH AREA 23C EAST - THOSE WATERS OF PUGET

SOUND WESTERLY OF A LINE DUE NORTH FROM THE EDIZ HOOK LIGHT TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY; AND EASTERLY OF A LINE PROJECTED DUE NORTH TO LOW POINT.

SUB-AREA 3-4: CATCH AREA 23C WEST - THOSE WATERS OF PUGET SOUND WESTERLY OF A LINE DUE NORTH FROM LOW POINT TO THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY; AND EASTERLY OF A LINE PROJECTED DUE NORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF THE SEIKU RIVER.

CATCH AREA 29 - THOSE WATERS OF THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA WEST OF A LINE PROJECTED DUE NORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF THE SEIKU RIVER, AND EAST OF A LINE PROJECTED FROM THE BONILLA POINT LIGHT ON VANCOUVER ISLAND TO THE TATOOSH ISLAND LIGHT, THEN TO THE MOST WESTERLY POINT OF CAPE FLATTERY.

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 16TH, 2026 - APRIL 15TH 2027

DAYS/HOURS: 1) OPEN ON OR AFTER JUNE 16TH, 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.
3. THE SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES FOR FISHERS
PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMMERCIAL OPENER
WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

LEGAL GEAR: AS PER REG. #S26-022, ADDITIONALLY:
POT LIMIT: 50 POTS PER FISHER AND PER VESSEL

HARVEST

RESTRICTIONS: THE TOTAL TRIBAL HARVEST QUOTA FOR SUB-AREA 3-3 IS 15,500
LBS.

THE TOTAL TRIBAL HARVEST QUOTA FOR SUB-AREA 3-4 IS 9,500
LBS

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 UNLAWFUL 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. FISHERS WISHING TO
TEND THE GEAR OF ANOTHER FISHER ON A TEMPORARY BASIS
MUST OBTAIN A GEAR-TENDING PERMIT SPECIFIC TO THAT
FISHER, FROM THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE. TRIBAL
FISHERIES STAFF MAY DECLINE REQUESTS FOR PERMITS.
PERMITS WILL BE VALID FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAIABLE FROM THE TRIBAL
FISHERIES STAFF.
4. SUBSISTENCE IN THIS AREA FOR NON COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN
WILL ALSO OPEN JUNE 16TH.

JUSTIFICATIONS: THIS REGULATION PROVIDES NOTICE OF THE INTENT TO OPEN
SUBREGIONS 3-3 AND 3-4 DURING THE 2026-2027 SEASON.

(LOWER ELWHA FISHERIES
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