

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE
REGULATION NUMBER: S26-037
DATE ADOPTED: JUNE 19, 2026
REGULATION(S) : S26-022 SECTION 5 & 7
MODIFIED:
CATCH AREAS: CRUSTACEAN MANAGEMENT REGION 3, DESCRIBED AS:
SUBREGION 3-2 (SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS
25A, 25E, AND 23D).
FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL
SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB (*Metacarcinus magister*) AND RED
ROCK
CRAB (*Cancer productus*)
ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF
EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 23RD 2025 CLOSES JUNE 25, 2026
DAYS/HOURS: OPEN JUNE 23RD AT 8AM CLOSES JUNE 25TH AT 4PM
56 HOUR FISHERY

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. #S25-035, SECTION 7 AND 8 IN ADDITION:
1. POT LIMITS FOR EACH OF THE AREAS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
A) FOR ALL OF SUBREGION 3-2, A TOTAL OF 50 POTS PER
VESSEL FOR ALL AREAS COMBINED;
B) FOR INNER DUNGENESS BAY (ALL WATERS OF DUNGENESS
BAY WEST OF THE 123 DEGREES 6.50 MINUTES LONGITUDE
LINE FROM THE NEW DUNGENESS LIGHT- 35 POTS PER
VESSEL.
C) FOR SEQUIM BAY (ALL WATERS OF SEQUIM BAY SOUTH OF
A LINE TRUE WEST FROM TRAVIS SPIT TO THE MILLER
PENINSULA): 20 POTS PER VESSEL.
D) FOR DISCOVERY BAY (AREA 25E, EXCLUDING ALL WATERS
SOUTH OF A LINE FROM CONTRACTORS POINT TO TUKEY
POINT): 20 POTS 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. LONGLINE FISHING IS PERMITTED. A MAXIMUM OF 5 POTS PER LONGLINE IS ALLOWED, PROVIDED THAT EACH LONGLINE HAS AT LEAST ONE BUOY ATTACHED THAT CONFORMS WITH THE BUOY REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATION #S26-022, SECTION 7. BUOYS MUST REMAIN FLOATING AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT DURING EXTREME TIDES. BUOYS WILL BE MARKED WITH THE TRIBE S INITIALS (LEK) AND WITH THE FISHER S ID NUMBER. BUOY LINES WILL BE WEIGHTED TO KEEP THE LINES FROM FLOATING.

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.

LOST GEAR REPORTING:

1. ALL FISHERS MUST REPORT LOST GEAR TO ENFORCEMENT
2. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FISHERY.
2. ALL FISHERS MUST FILL OUT A LOST POT FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE CLOSE OF THE FISHERY.

JUSTIFICATIONS: HARVEST OF THE TREATY SHARE OF CRAB IN REGION 3 SUBREGION 3-2.

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