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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE
Fall Chum Salmon Regulations
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These regulations shall apply to the Lower Elwha Klallam tribe off-reservation commercial fisheries for early fall chum salmon in the in-common management areas described below.

Areas and times not specifically opened by or listed in these regulations remain closed to chum fisheries until further notice.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IN COMMON MANAGEMENT AREAS

   Areas 4B, 5, 6, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D (outside the exclusive harvest demarcation line), 7, 9, 12, 12A & 12B.

2. LAWFUL GEAR

   a) Marine drift gillnets (minimum stretched mesh 5" in all areas. Maximum length in Areas 6D and 12A 100 fms).

   b) Marine set nets (minimum stretched mesh 5" max length in area 6D and 12A 100 fms).

   c) Beach Seine gear max length 165 fms, maximum depth 200 meshes, minimum mesh size 3", max mesh size 4".

   d) Purse seine gear (areas 6 and 7 & 9 only). Max net length 300 fms; minimum mesh of 3.5 inches.

e) Handheld gear (Hook-and-line, dipnets, snaglines, gaffs) as specified in the Lower Elwha Klallam Fishing Ordinance, Third Edition.

3. EARLY FALL CHUM SALMON MANAGEMENT PERIODS

a) Areas 4B, 5, 6C: October 11, through November 16.
b) Areas 6&7: October 8, through November 11.
c) Area 6A: October 15, through November 18.
d) Area 6B: October 8, through November 18.
e) Area 9: October 8, through November 18.
f) Area 6D: October 22, through December 2.
g) Area 12A: October 11, through November 20,
h) Area 12: October 11, through November 20.
i) Area 12B: October 18, through November 20.

II. FISHERY OPENINGS

1. Areas 4B, 5, 6C
May be opened from 10/11 through 11/14; openings announced by emergency in-season regulations.

2. Areas 6 & 7
Openings shall be announced by emergency regulations based on in-season harvest management considerations, under provisions of the PST Annex for chum salmon.

3. Areas 6A, 6B, 6D
Closed through the end of the management period, except the Area 6D coho fishery (managed under separate regulations) may be extended into the beginning of the 6D chum management period when in-season conditions permit.

4. Area 12, 12A (south of an E-W line through Pt. Whitney)
May open 10/11 to 11/19. Openings will be announced by in-season emergency regulations.

5. Area 12B
May open 10/18 to 11/19, except north of an east-west line from Zelatched Point to Seal Rock open through 11/27; openings by in-season emergency regulations.

6. Area 9
Openings shall be announced by in-season regulations.

III. SPECIAL CLOSURES AND REQUIREMENTS

1) No marine nets may be operated closer than 1,000 feet from any stream or river mouth which is not open to fishing. The river mouth shall be defined at the point where the stream enters the sea at mean low tide. At Big Beef Creek, no marine nets may be operated within 1,500 feet from the river mouth, which shall be defined by the Seabeck Highway crossing.

2) The area within 1/4 mile from the mouth of the Pysht River shall be closed to net fisheries whenever that river is closed to commercial harvest.

IV. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Openings as well as restrictions outlined in these regulations may be modified at any time by emergency regulation based on in-season management considerations.

V. EXPECTED EFFORT AND HARVEST

Expected effort is less than 10 vessels, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe intends to fully harvest their lawful share of chum salmon.

VI. AUTHORITY

This regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Fisheries Manager under authority specified by the Lower Elwha Klallam Fishing Ordinance, Third Edition.

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