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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE
Annual Troll Regulations
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The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial troll fisheries in the areas and times outlined below. Subsistence salmon fishing regulations within marine and freshwater areas will be described in subsequent emergency regulations.

1. FISHING AREAS

Commercial salmon catch reporting areas 4B, 5, 6, 6C, 12, and 12B.

2. EFFECTIVE DATES

May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.

3. LAWFUL GEAR

A. Hand lines: Maximum 2 single or 1 treble hook per line; all hooks must be barbless. Maximum of two lines per fisher.
B. Salmon troll gear: Maximum of 8 lines per vessel; maximum of 72 hooks per vessel. All hooks must be barbless.

4. TIMES AND AREAS OF OPENINGS Days and Times

Fishing shall be permitted at all hours of each day during each of the following open periods:

A. Area 4B: Open for all salmon except coho, from 5/1/26 through the earliest of 6/30/26 or reaching a Treaty Ocean fishery sub-quota of 22,500 Chinook. If the Chinook quota for the May-June fishery is not fully utilized, the excess fish may be transferred into the later all-salmon season on an impact-neutral basis for limiting stocks into the later all-salmon season. If the Chinook quota is exceeded, the excess will be deducted from the later all-salmon season.

Open for all salmon species (7/1 - 9/30) with quota of 42,500 Coho and sub-quota of 22,500 Chinook plus any portion of uncaught Chinook rolled over from the May-June time period on an impact neutral basis, from 7/1/26 through the earliest of 9/30/26, or reaching the coho quota of 42,500, or the Chinook quota of 22,500. Steelhead must be released unharmed. Chum must be released unharmed between 8/1 - 9/30. Chinook salmon measuring less than 24” must be released unharmed.

B. Areas 5, 6, 6C: Open for all species except chum salmon, and steelhead, from 6/16/2026 through 9/30/2026, subject to the area and catch restrictions outlined below.

C. All Areas (4B, 5, 6, 6C): Closed for all species 10/1/26 – 10/31/26. Open for all species, from 11/1/2026 through 4/15/2027, or when the Treaty catch of Chinook salmon reaches the preseason established harvest guidelines of 8,500, subject to the area and catch restrictions below. Closed for all species 4/16/27 – 4/30/27.

D. Areas 12, 12B: Closed to commercial harvest for all species.

5. AREA RESTRICTIONS

Troll gear must not be operated closer than 1,000 feet away from any stream or river mouth, or within a 1,000 yard radius from the mouth of the Elwha River.

In Area 6, east of a line due north from Green Point, and the waters of Port Angeles Harbor (west of a line from the tip of Ediz Hook, to the old Rayonier Mill dock), shall be closed to salmon trolling from 6/16/26 through 9/30/26.

In Area 6C, Freshwater Bay (inshore of a line from Angeles Point to Observatory Point), shall be closed to salmon trolling from 6/16/25 through 9/30/26.

In Area 5, Hoko Bay (inshore of a line from Kydaka Point to Shipwreck Point), shall be closed to salmon trolling from 6/16/26 through 9/30/26. In addition, Hoko Bay shall be closed inside the area bounded by a line from Kydaka Point to Shipwreck Point for the month of November.

In Area 12 and 12B, closed within 1,000 ft. radius around all waters within channels created by exposed tidelands of the Dosewallips, Duckabush, and Hamma Hamma rivers; Closed within 1,000 ft. radius around all stream mouths that are not open to fishing.

6. COMMERCIAL HARVEST

When commercial fisheries are open, the following size limits and species restrictions must be observed.

A. All Areas: All coho salmon measuring less than 16” must be released unharmed. Steelhead must be released unharmed.
B. Area 4B: From 5/1/26 through 9/30/26, all Chinook measuring less than 24” must be released unharmed. From 11/01/26 through 4/15/27, all Chinook salmon measuring less than 22” must be released unharmed.
C. Areas 5, 6, 6C, 12, and 12B: All Chinook salmon measuring less than 22” must be released unharmed.

7. TAKE-HOME COMMERCIALLY CAUGHT SALMON

During commercial troll fisheries, no more than two (2) undersize chinook salmon, per fisher, may be kept daily for take-home subsistence purposes. Commercial take-home catch must be recorded on a Treaty Catch Receiving Ticket in the section provided.

8. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

These regulations may be modified at any time by emergency regulations.

9. 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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