

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S17-096

DATE ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

REGULATION(S) MODIFIED: S17-035, SECTION 5 & 7 MODIFIED

CATCH AREAS: CRUSTACEAN MANAGEMENT SUB REGION 3-3, DESCRIBED AS SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREA 23C, EAST OF A LINE PROJECTED DUE NORTH FROM LOW POINT.

CLOSURE ZONE: THOSE WATERS OF 3-3 EAST OF A LINE DUE NORTH OF DRYCREEK (APPROXIMATELY 123 DEGREES 31 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE) WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR THE DURATION OF THIS OPENING.

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: JULY 11TH TO APRIL 15TH, 2018

DAYS/HOURS: 1. REMAIN OPEN TUESDAY, JULY 11TH, 2017 THROUGH 6:00 PM SUNDAY APRIL 15, 2018.
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 AND REOPEN 8:00 AM SEPTEMBER 2ND.

LEGAL GEAR: AS PER REG. #S17-035, ADDITIONALLY:
POT LIMIT: 35 POTS PER FISHER AND PER VESSEL FOR AREA 3-3.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: AS PER REG. #S17-035, 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. AREA 23C WILL CLOSE IF THIS HARVEST LIMIT IS REACHED.
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 AVAILABLE FROM THE TRIBAL FISHERIES STAFF.

JUSTIFICATIONS: CONTINUE HARVEST OF THE TREATY SHARE OF CRAB
IN THE AREA;

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