

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: #S18-043

DATE ADOPTED: JUNE 13, 2018

REGULATION MODIFIED: LEKT REGULATIONS #S18-035, SECTION 5 AND SECTION 7

REGULATION SUPERCEDED: NONE

CATCH AREAS: SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT REGION 2 WEST (CATCH REPORTING AREAS 25B, 25D, AND ALL S'KLALLAM U&A AREAS IN THAT PORTION OF AREA 26A SOUTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF POSSESSION POINT ON WHIDBEY ISLAND).

FISHERY TYPE: SUBSISTENCE

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 15, 2018 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019

AFFECTED PARTIES: THIS REGULATION APPLIES TO LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBAL FISHERS.

DAYS/HOURS: 1) REGION 2 WEST: OPEN 7:00 AM FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018, CLOSED 5:00 PM SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019, OR WHEN THE RESPECTIVE TRIBAL QUOTA IN REGION 2 WEST HAS BEEN TAKEN, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

LEGAL GEAR: 1) AS PER REGULATION #S18-035, SECTION 7 AND SECTION 8.
2) SUBSISTENCE POT LIMIT FOR REGION 2 WEST IS 5 POTS/RING NETS PER FISHER/DAY.
3) BUOY COLORS MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED AND WHITE. NO RED AND WHITE COMBINATION OF ANY TYPE IS 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.

HARVEST RESTRICTIONS: 1) THE MINIMUM SIZE FOR LEGAL CRAB IS 6 1/4 INCHES, CALIPER MEASUREMENT ACROSS THE BACK OF THE CRAB, IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE TIPS.
2) ONLY MALE CRAB MAY BE TAKEN.
3) RECENTLY MOLTED, SOFT-SHELLED CRAB MAY NOT BE TAKEN. ALL CRAB TAKEN MUST BE CHECKED FOR SHELL HARDNESS.
4) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR FISHERS TO RETAIN AND POSSESS ANY FEMALE, UNDERSIZED OR SOFT-SHELLED DUNGENESS CRABS. ALL FEMALE, UNDERSIZED AND SOFT-SHELLED DUNGENESS CRABS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER UNHARMED.
5) THE DAILY SUBSISTENCE HARVEST LIMIT IN REGION 2 WEST IS 10 CRABS PER FISHER, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSEQUENT EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

CLOSED AREAS: AS PER REGULATION #S18-035, SECTION 6.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: 1) FISHERS MUST BE 10 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO SUBSISTENCE FISH FOR CRAB.
2) FISHERS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN COMMERCIAL OPENINGS IN REGIONS 3 OR 5 ARE NOT PERMITTED TO FISH FOR SUBSISTENCE CRAB IN CATCH AREAS OF REGION 2W ADJACENT TO THOSE OPEN FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING WHILE THE COMMERCIAL OPENINGS ARE ONGOING.
3) POTS MAY ONLY BE FISHED FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET ON EACH OPEN DAY.
4) BUOY TAGS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL CRAB POTS AND RING NETS USED FOR SUBSISTENCE FISHING, WHETHER GEAR IS ATTENDED OR NOT. TAGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICES.

- 5) LOST GEAR MUST BE REPORTED TO ENFORCEMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DAILY SUBSISTENCE FISHING AND A LOST POT FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN THE SUBSEQUENT 24 HOURS.
- 6) 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 IN TO 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 THEIR TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE. TRIBAL FISHERIES STAFF MAY DECLINE REQUESTS FOR PERMITS. PERMITS WILL BE VALID FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILBLE FROM THE RESPECTIVE TRIBAL FISHERIES STAFF.

CATCH REPORTING:

ALL SUBSISTENCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTENCE CARDS IMMEDIATELY AFTER HARVEST. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE. SUBSISTENCE FISHERS MUST HAVE SUBSISTENCE CARDS ON THEIR PERSON WHEN FISHING.

JUSTIFICATION:

COMMENCE SUBSISTENCE CRAB FISHING IN REGION 2 WEST.

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