

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE 4.6 SEA CUCUMBER REGULATION FOR PUGET SOUND REGIONS

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the commercial sea cucumber fisheries conducted off-reservation and on subtidal public lands by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. The term of this regulation is from August 1st, 2018 through March 31, 2019 and from June 16th, 2018 through July 31st, 2019. The respective regional fisheries may close prior to July 31st, 2019 if the total tribal regional harvest quota is taken. The harvest season for San Juan Region 1 (20B, 22A) is open only till December 31st, 2018. This regulation is intended to regulate harvest by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of the U.S. District Court Order of August 28, 1995 (Implementation order) in U.S. v Washington, Sub-proceeding 89-3. In the event the Puget Sound Treaty Tribes and the State of Washington reach agreement and the 2018-2019 Sea Cucumber Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the adopted harvest management plan.

REGULATION NUMBER: S18-068

DATE ADOPTED: AUGUST 14TH, 2018

REGULATION(S)

SUPERSEDED/MODIFIED: N/A

CATCH AREAS: SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS  
Region 1 - San Juan Islands (22A, 20B),  
Region 2East - (23B, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E)  
Region 2West - (23A, 23C, 23D)

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL/EMERGENCY CLOSURE

SPECIES: SEA CUCUMBERS (Parastichopus californicus)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

LEGAL GEAR: Dive Fishery: Harvest equipment is restricted to individual harvest by hand. Divers may harvest sea cucumbers using surface supplied or self-contained breathing apparatus (SCUBA).

EFFECTIVE DATES: FOR REGION 1 - AUGUST 1ST, 2018 THRU  
 JULY 31ST, 2019 OR UNTIL  
 TRIBAL REGIONAL QUOTA IS TAKEN;

FOR REGIONS 2 EAST/2 WEST- AUGUST  
 1ST THRU AUGUST 14TH, 2018 OR UNTIL  
 TRIBAL REGIONAL QUOTA IS TAKEN.

DAYS/HOURS: OPEN TUESDAY AUGUST 1ST, 2018 THROUGH  
 JULY 31ST, 2019 IN REGION 1;  
 OPEN WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1ST, 2018 THROUGH  
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2018 AT 4:00 pm. IN REGION  
 2EAST/2 WEST. HARVEST SHALL BEGIN  
 AT 6:00 A.M. OR OFFICIAL SUNRISE,  
 WHICHEVER IS LATER, AND END 30 MINUTES  
 AFTER SUNSET.

The tribal regional harvest quotas, in pounds of split, drained sea cucumbers, are as follows:

San Juan Region 1 (20B, 22A)	45,500
Region 2 East (23B,25A,25B,25C,25D,25E)	32,000
Region 2 West (23A, 23C, 23D,29	61,000

EXPECTED EFFORT/HARVEST: UP TO 6 VESSELS.

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS -

A. The following specific areas shall remain closed to fishing at all times:

Those waters of San Juan Channel and Upright Channel within the following lines:  
 north and west of a line from the northernmost point of Turn Island to Flat Point  
 on Lopez Island and thence projected from Flat Point true west to Shaw Island,  
 north of a line projected from the northernmost point of Turn Island true west  
 to San Juan Island, west of a line from Neck Point on Shaw Island to Steep Point  
 on Orcas Island, and south of a line from Steep Point on Orcas Island to Limestone  
 Point on San Juan Island.

Those waters of Haro Strait north of a line projected due west from the southernmost point of Cattle Point on San Juan Island to the international

border and south of a line projected due west from a point one-quarter mile north of Lime Kiln Light on San Juan Island to the international border.

Argyle Lagoon: Those University of Washington-owned tidelands and all bedlands enclosed by the inner spit of Argyle Lagoon on San Juan Island.

Those waters within one-quarter mile of Tatoosh Island at 0.0 tide height.

Those waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca in the vicinity of Low Point west of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123 degrees 48.3 minutes and east of a line projected true north from the shoreline at 123 degrees 52.7 minutes west longitude.

B. The following areas are closed to sea cucumber harvest at all times for health-related reasons:

The waters of Sinclair Inlet west of a line projected southerly from the easternmost point of Point Turner to landfall below the Veteran's Home in Annapolis.

C. All harvesting shall be conducted in accordance with individual tribal management ordinances/plans, rules, and safety standards governing sea cucumber and other dive fisheries.

D. All areas are currently closed to sea cucumber trawl fisheries. Trawl fisheries may resume in certain areas with the agreement of appropriate State and Tribal parties.

E. The subsistence fishery daily catch limit per fisher for all areas is 25 sea cucumbers per day. There are no size limits.

F. All commercial and take home catches shall also be reported on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving tickets as specified in Tribal Fisheries Ordinances.

It should be noted on the ticket whether the harvest was reported as whole weight cucumbers or a presumptive split and drained weight.

G. These regulations are promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Fisheries Manager under authority specified by the Lower Elwha Klallam Fishing Ordinance Third

Edition.

JUSTIFICATION: HARVEST TREATY SHARE OF SEA CUCUMBER.

\*CLOSURE DUE TO QUOTA TAKEN\*  
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