FILING ORGANIZATION:  LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE 4.6 SEA URCHIN REGULATION FOR PUGET SOUND REGIONS.

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the commercial sea Urchin fisheries conducted off-reservation and onsubtidal public lands by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

The term of this regulation is from September 1ST, 2019 through March 31, 2020 The respective regional fisheries may close prior to august 31st, 2020 if the total tribal regional harvest quota is taken.

This regulation is intended to regulate harvest by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of the U.S. Distric 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 2019-2020 Sea Urchin Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superceded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the adopted harvest management plan.

REGULATION NUMBER:  S19-090
DATE ADOPTED:  SEPTEMBER 6 2019
REGULATION MODIFIED:  REG #S18-084, SECTION 3
REGULATION SUPERCEDED:  NONE

CATCH AREAS:  SAN JUAN ISLANDS, (DISTRICT 1) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 20B & 22A;
SEKIU, (DISTRICT 4) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH AREAS 23C (WEST OF LOW POINT);

FISHERY TYPE:  COMMERCIAL: THIS REGULATION IS CLOSING RED URCHINS IN DISTRICT 1 AND 2

SPECIES:  RED SEA URCHINS, GREEN SEA URCHINS
ON/OFF RESERVATION:  OFF
LEGAL GEAR: Hand held gear that does not penetrate the shell. Must have iron gate urchin caliper in board your boat.


DAYS/HOURS: 1) Red urchins: Open 8:00 AM Sunday, September 1, 2019; close 6:00 PM Tuesday, Sept 10th 2019;

2) Green urchins: Open 8:00 AM Sunday, September 1, 2019; close 7:00 PM Saturday, August 31, 2020 or the treaty quota for green urchins in these areas is taken.

3) If the treaty quota for a single species or catch area is taken before August 31, the fishery will be modified to remain open for the remaining species and/or catch areas until all quotas are reached, or the fishery expires.

4) The daily fishery openings will be from sunrise to sunset each day.

HARVEST RESTRICTIONS: 1) As stipulated in regulation #S18-084, section 6.

2) The minimum size limits for red sea urchins is 3.25 inches, and the maximum size limit is 5.0 inches, both measurements exclusive of the spines.

3) The minimum size limit for green sea urchins is 2.25 inches, exclusive of the spines. There is no maximum size limit.

4) Sea urchins shall not be taken from water shallower than fifteen feet below mean lower low water.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: As stipulated in Reg #S18-084, section 7.

CATCH REPORTING: AS STIPULATED IN REG #S18-084, SECTIONS 9 AND 10. CATCHES MUST BE RECORDED IN HARVEST LOGS AND ON TREATY FISH RECEIVING TICKETS, PROVIDED THAT HARVESTERS MAY CALL CATCH INFORMATION INTO THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE IN LIEU OF MAINTAINING A HARVEST LOG.

JUSTIFICATION: HARVEST THE TREATY RED AND GREEN SEA URCHIN QUOTA FOR THE 2019-20 SEASON.CLOSING RED URCHINS DISTRICT 1 AND 2. 3 REMAINS CLOSED AS WELL.

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