FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S19-093
DATE ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2019

REGULATION(S) MODIFIED: #S19-037, SECTION 5 AND SECTION 7;
SUPERSEDED: NONE

CATCH AREAS: CRUSTACEAN MANAGEMENT REGION 3, DESCRIBED AS: SUB REGION 3-1 (SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 23A AND 23B)

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

LEGAL GEAR: CRAB POTS, RING NETS AS PER REG. #S19-037

EFFECTIVE DATES: SEPTEMBER 12TH THROUGH MARCH 31 2020

DAYS/HOURS:
1) SUBREGION 3-1: OPEN 8:00 AM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 AND CLOSED 6:00 PM TUESDAY MARCH 31ST, 2020

2) FOR ALL OPEN AREAS, POTS MAY BE CHECKED FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET EACH DAY.

LEGAL GEAR:
1) AS PER REGULATION #S19-037, SECTIONS 7 & 8
2) POT LIMITS FOR 3-1 WILL BE 35 POTS PER VESSEL.
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.
4) LONG LINE FISHING IS PERMITTED. A MAXIMUM OF 5 POTS PER LONG LINE IS ALLOWED, PROVIDED THAT EACH LONG LINE HAS AT LEAST ONE BUOY ATTACHED THAT CONFORMS WITH THE BUOY REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATION #S19-037, SECTION 7.

HARVEST RESTRICTION:
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.

2) ONLY MALE CRAB MAY BE TAKEN. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR FISHERS TO RETAIN AND POSSESS ANY FEMALE DUNGENESS CRAB OR SOFT-SHELLED CRABS. ALL FEMALE CRAB AND ALL SOFT-SHELLED CRAB MUST RETURNED TO THE WATER UNHARMED.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: 1) AS PER REGULATION #S19-037, SECTION 11.
2) 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 THE LOWER ELWHA TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE. PERMITS WILL BE VALID FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME. CALL THE FISHERIES OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

REGISTRATION: ALL TRIBAL FISHERS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGION 3 CRAB FISHERY MUST REGISTER AT THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE PRIOR TO FISHING. AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, FISHERS SHALL REPORT THE NUMBER OF POTS TO BE USED AND POTENTIAL BUYERS THAT FISHERS INTEND TO SELL TO.

CATCH REPORTING: ALL COMMERCIAL CATCHES SHALL BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. THE WEIGHT OF ALL CRAB RECEIVED AND NOT PURCHASED FOR ANY REASON SHALL BE RECORDED AS TAKE HOME OR SPECIES CODE 20-561 ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. ALL SUBSISTENCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTENCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE.

JUSTIFICATION: HARVEST AVAILABLE TREATY SHARE OF THE CRAB RESOURCE IN REGION 3-1.

(LOWER ELWHA FISHERIES
760 STRATTON RD
PORT ANGELES, WA 98363)