LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE
FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA

REGULATION NUMBER: #S19-135

DATE ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 12, 2019

REGULATION MODIFIED: S19-121

REGULATION: LEKT REGULATION #S19-037 SECTION 5, AND SECTION 7.


FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: NOVEMBER 14TH THROUGH MARCH 31TH 2020

DAYS/HOURS: OPENING 9:00 AM THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14th TO 5:00 PM TUESDAY MARCH 31ST 2020

LEGAL GEAR: 1) AS PER REGULATION #S19-037, SECTION 7 AND SECTION 8.
2) A BUOY MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT FOR A COMBINATION OR RED AND WHITE. IF ANY PORTION OF A BUOY IS RED, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE WHITE. IF ANY PORTION OF A BUOY IS WHITE, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE RED.
3) PRIOR TO 8:00 AM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF BUOY TAGGED POTS PER VESSEL IS 50. AFTER 8:00 AM FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF BUOY TAGGED POTS PER VESSEL IS 75.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: 1) SPECIAL AREA CLOSURES AND OTHER AREA RESTRICTIONS IN THE SAN JUANS WILL BE AS STIPULATED IN REGULATION #S19-037, SECTION 6.

2) 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.

3) ONLY MALE CRAB MAY BE TAKEN.

4) RECENTLY MOLTED, SOFT-SHELLED CRAB MAY NOT BE TAKEN. ALL CRAB TAKEN MUST BE CHECKED FOR SHELL HARDNESS.

5) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR FISHERS TO RETAIN AND POSSESS ANY FEMALE, UNDERSIZED AND SOFT-SHELLED DUNGENESS CRABS. ALL FEMALE, UNDERSIZED AND SOFT-SHELLED DUNGENESS CRABS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER UNHARmed.

6) IN THE EVENT THAT WEATHER PROHIBITS REMOVAL OF POTS AND HARVEST, POTS MAY BE LEFT ON THE GROUNDS CLUSTERED IN A NON-FISHING POSITION AND COLLECTED AT A LATER DATE, PROVIDED THAT NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO LKTC COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE LATE RETRIEVAL.

7) 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.

8) ALL CRAB POTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND MUST HAVE THE APPROPRIATE COLORED BUOY TAG, ATTACHED AT THE TERMINAL END OF EACH BUOY LINE. TAGS ARE
AVAILABLE AT THE FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT.

LEKT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:

1) LOST GEAR MUST BE DECLARED THROUGH SUBMISSION OF A LOST POT FORM TO ENFORCEMENT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE CLOSE OF THE FISHERY.

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1) LOST GEAR MUST BE LOCATED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE CLOSE OF THE FISHERY. THE OWNER OF GEAR PULLED BY ENFORCEMENT MORE THAN 48 HOURS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE FISHERY WILL BE IN VIOLATION OF THIS REGULATION.

REGISTRATION: ALL TRIBAL FISHERS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGION 1 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.

CATCH REPORTING: ALL COMMERCIAL CATCHES SHALL BE REPORTED ON TREATY 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: CONTINUE HARVEST OF REGION 1 CRAB

*CHANGED TAGGED POT LIMIT*

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