

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE SECTION 4.6 CRAB REGULATION FOR REGION 1

The following regulation is promulgated by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial and subsistence Dungeness crab fisheries by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Region 1, the San Juan Islands. The term of this regulation is from June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021 unless superceded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in Region 1 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States v. Washington, 898 F. supp. 1453 (W.D. Wash. 1995), as amended by the Stipulation and Order Amending Shellfish Implementation Plan, dated April 8, 2002, (hereafter "Implementation Order"). In the event the Region 1 Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superceded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 1 Crab Harvest Management Plan

FILING ORGANIZATION: Lower Elwha

REGULATION NUMBER: #S20-113

DATE ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 5, 2021

REGULATION MODIFIED: S20-106
LEKT REGULATION #S20-035 SECTION 5, AND SECTION 7.

REGULATION MODIFIED: NONE

CATCH AREAS: SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT REGION 1 (CATCH REPORTING AREA 20B, 22A, THAT PORTION OF 20A SOUTH AND WEST OF A LINE BETWEEN TOE POINT OF A LINE BETWEEN TOE POINT ON PATOS ISLAND AND POINT MIGLEY ON LUMMI ISLAND, THAT PORTION OF 21A SOUTH AND WEST OF LUMMI ISLAND AND A LINE RUNNING BETWEEN CARTER POINT ON LUMMI ISLAND AND THE NORTHERN TIP OF VENDОВI ISLAND, AND THAT PORTION OF 22B NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE BETWEEN CLARK POINT ON GUEMES ISLAND AND THE SOUTHERN TIP OF VENDОВI ISLAND, WEST OF GUEMES ISLAND AND SOUTH AND WEST OF A LINE RUNNING DUE SOUTH FROM

KELLYS POINT ON GUEMES ISLAND).

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL
SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB
ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF
EFFECTIVE DATES: NOVEMBER 28th THROUGH FEBRUARY 11TH,2021

DAYS/HOURS:
OPEN 9:00 AM SATURDAY NOV 28TH,2020
TO 4:00 PM ,FEBRUARY 11TH,2021

LEGAL GEAR: 1) AS PER REGULATION #S20-035, 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) THE POT LIMIT IN REGION 1 IS 40
TAGGED POTS PER FISHER.

EXPECTED HARVEST: THE TRIBAL QUOTA FOR REGION 1 IS 2.75
MILLION POUNDS.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: 1) SPECIAL AREA CLOSURES AND OTHER AREA
RESTRICTIONS IN THE SAN
JUANS WILL BE AS STIPULATED IN
REGULATION #S20-035, 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 LEKT
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, WHEN REQUIRED,
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.

- 2) 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 INDIAN FISH RECEIVING
TICKETS. THE WEIGHT OF ALL CRAB
RECEIVED AND NOT

PURCHASED FOR ANY REASON SHALL BE
RECORDED AS TAKE HOME
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.
QUOTA IS INCREASED TO 2.4 MILLION

JUSTIFICATION:

CONTINUE HARVEST OF THE TREATY SHARE OF
CRAB IN REGION 1. *EARLY CLOSURE OF
FISHERY*

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