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LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE Fraser Sockeye and Pink Salmon Regulations #F23-017

These regulations apply to the Lower Elwha Tribe's off-reservation commercial fisheries for sockeye and pink salmon in the PSC Fraser Panel waters outlined below.

I. MANAGEMENT AREAS

Commercial salmon catch reporting areas: 4B, 5, 6, 6C and 7.

II. MANAGEMENT PERIODS

July 5th through September 24, 2023

III. LAWFUL GEAR

- a) Drift gillnets (max. length in Areas 4B, 5, 6C: per Tribal Ordinance; maximum length in Areas 6 and 7: 330 fathoms. Minimum stretched mesh 5 inches; maximum stretched mesh 5-7/8 inches).
- b) Set gillnets (max. length 150 fms.; min. stretched mesh 5 inches; max. stretched mesh 5-7/8 inches).
- c) Hook and line, troll gear.
- d) Purse Seines (area 6 and 7) Max net length 300 fathoms; minimum mesh of 4.5 inches.

IV. IDENTIFICATION

Treaty Indians fishing under these regulations:

- a) Shall have in his/her possession at all times Treaty Indian Identification required by the Lower Elwha Klallam Fishing Ordinance Third Edition and other applicable regulations.
- b) Shall comply with all Treaty Indian Vessel Identification requirements required by U.S. District Court and applicable Tribal Ordinances and regulations

- c) May be assisted by other persons as specified in the decision of U.S. v. Washington No. 9213, and applicable Tribal Ordinances and regulations. Any person assisting a Treaty Indian pursuant to the above shall have in his/her possession appropriate identification as required by Tribal regulations and Ordinance.

V. OPEN FISHING PERIODS

1. AREAS 4B, 5, 6C

Openings shall be announced by emergency regulations.

2. AREAS 6 & 7

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3. GENERAL CLOSURE

a. Fraser Panel areas and times not specifically opened by these or subsequently adopted emergency regulations shall remain closed to the taking of sockeye and pink salmon.

b. Marine nets may not be operated closer than 1,000 ft. from any stream or river mouth.

c. Hoko Bay and Freshwater Bay will remain closed throughout the management period.

VI. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

These regulations will be amended by emergency regulations on the basis of in-season conservation and allocation considerations. Fishers should call the NWIFC hotline number at 1-800-562-6142, or the Elwha Fisheries Office, or current regulation using the Internet at: www.elwha.org for current fishing information.

VII. EXPECTED HARVEST AND FISHING EFFORT.

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe intends to fully harvest their share of sockeye and pink salmon.

Fishers shall be required to report catches by telephone to their Tribal Fisheries office, no later than the morning following (except for weekends) each day's fishing.

Fishing effort estimates are 5-7 gillnet boats and one Purse Seiner.

VIII. AUTHORITY

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

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Samantha Rae
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