

LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE SECTION 4.6 CRAB REGULATION FOR REGION 5

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 5, Hood Canal. The term of this regulation is from June 15, 2024 through February 28, 2025, unless superseded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Lower Elwha Tribe in Region 5 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States V. Washington,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the Region 5 Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superseded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 5 Crab Harvest Management Plan.

FILING ORGANIZATION: LOWER ELWHA KLALLAM TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: S24-119

DATE ADOPTED: JANUARY 23, 2025

REGULATION(S) SUPERSEDED S24-021, SECTION 5 & 7 MODIFIED

CATCH AREAS: REGION 5: CATCH REPORTING AREAS 25C, 27A AND THAT PART OF AREA 27B NORTH OF AYOCK PT.

FISHERY TYPE: SUBSISTENCE/EMERGENCY CLOSURE

SPECIES: DUNGENESS CRAB (*Metacarcinus magister*) AND RED ROCK CRAB (*Cancer productus*)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

LEGAL GEAR: AS PER REG. #S24-018

EFFECTIVE DATES: JUNE 15, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 24, 2025

DAYS/HOURS: 6:00 AM SAT JUNE 15TH 2024 TO 5:00 PM FRI JANUARY 24TH 2025

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: AS PER REG. #S24-018, ADDITIONALLY:

1. LONG LINE FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED: EACH POT BEING FISHED MUST HAVE A SURFACE BUOY ATTACHED.
2. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SUBSISTENCE POTS THAT CAN BE FISHED IN REGION 5 DURING THIS OPENING IS 3 POT PER FISHER PER DAY.
3. THE SUBSISTENCE HARVEST LIMIT IS 10 CRAB PER FISHER PER DAY.
4. ALL SUBSISTENCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTENCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL

FISHERIES OFFICE. SUBSISTENCE FISHERS MUST HAVE SUBSISTENCE CARDS ON THEIR PERSON WHEN FISHING.

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

6. BOUY COLORS MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED AND WHITE, NO RED AND WHITE COMBINATION OF ANY TYPE ARE PERMITTED. IF ANY PORTION OF THE BOUY IS RED, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE WHITE, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE RED.

JUSTIFICATIONS: COMMENCE SUBSISTENCE CRAB FISHING IN HOOD CANAL CLOSING THE SUBSISTENCE HC CRAB FISHERY.

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