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ORGANIZATION: PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

REGULATION #: SCr24 – commercial 4.6

DATE ADOPTED: 3/28/2024

REGULATIONS (S) None

SUPERCEDED:

CATCH AREA (s): Shellfish Catch reporting area 26D

SPECIAL
MANAGEMENT
AREA:

For commercial geoduck diver safety, the Fauntleroy Geoduck Tract (to -70' mean lower low water) # 09050 is closed to crabbing Fridays - Wednesdays. Crabbing is permitted at -100' uncorrected and deeper along the shoreline boundaries of the tract all week long. (see Fauntleroy map at the shellfish department website)

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: Dungeness Crab (*Cancer magister*)

ESTIMATED
EFFORT: 25 boats

UPPER LIMIT: 90,000 pounds

ON/OFF
RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES April 25, 8:00 AM through official Sunset May 24, 2024 (or until upper limit is taken)

LEGAL GEAR: 1) Pots, ring nets, and hand operated instruments that do not Penetrate the shell are the only lawful gear for crab harvest.

DAYS/HOURS: Seven days a week, gear must be worked between official sunrise and official sunset only.

RECORD KEEPING: 1) Landings shall be sold to tribally registered fish buyers and be recorded on fish receiving tickets.

- 2) In order for the Puyallup Tribal Shellfish office to maintain catch and effort information, crab buyers will be contacted for buying activity.

OTHER

- 1) Minimum size is 6 1/4 inches measured across the back at the widest spot of the shell immediately in front of, but not including the outside of the tips
- 2) Harvest of females, sublegal, and soft-shelled crab is prohibited and they must be released immediately.
- 3) All crab pots must have two escape rings not less than 4 1/4 inches inside diameter. Escape rings must be located on the top half of the pot. A 3 inch by 5 inch biodegradable cord panel (natural fiber, maximum thread size 120) or biodegradable loop attached to the lid hook is also required.
- 4) Each pot or string of pots must be attached to a surface buoy that is capable of floating a five pound weight. Buoys attached to gear used for commercial fishing can be any color or color combination except red and white. If red and white buoy colors are used, a minimum of 30% of the surface of the buoy(s) will be prominently marked with an additional color other than red and white.
- 5) Buoys shall be conspicuously marked with the harvester's fishing identification number preceded by the letters PUY.
- 6) Harvesters are limited to fishing 50 pots maximum at any one time.
- 7) It will be unlawful for a crab fisher to remove or pull a crab pot from the water that is not registered by that fisher, without prior permission from their enforcement program.
- 8) All commercial catch must be reported on a fish receiving ticket.
- 9) Fish buyers must withhold a 5% tax from the sale of crab and remit to the Shellfish Department.
- 10) Only harvesters who have received the educational outreach endorsement permit shall be able participate in this harvest.
- 11) The harvest of Red rock crab may only occur during open Dungeness crab fisheries. Only Red rock crab above 5 inches in carapace width may be retained. Gear must meet the same requirements currently used for Dungeness crab traps. All Red rock crab sales must be recorded on fish receiving tickets.