

FILING
ORGANIZATION: PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

REGULATION #: SCr23-24- subsistence

DATE ADOPTED: 12/15/23

REGULATIONS (S) None
SUPERCEDED:

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

FISHERY TYPE: SUBSISTENCE

SPECIES: Dungeness Crab (*Cancer magister*)

UPPER LIMIT: 2,900 pounds

ON/OFF
RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 15th, 2023 (8 AM) through official Sunset March 15th, 2024 (or until upper limit is taken)

LEGAL GEAR: 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.

RECORDING: In order for the Puyallup Tribal Shellfish office to maintain catch and effort information, crab fishers must fill out harvest logs available through the shellfish office. The logs must be turned in to the Shellfish Office within a week of the permit expiration.

SPECIAL
MANAGEMENT
AREA: For commercial geoduck diver safety, Geoduck Tracts with active harvest (to -70' mllw) may be closed to crabbing Fridays through Wednesdays. Crabbing is permitted at -100' uncorrected and deeper along the shoreline boundaries of a tract all week long.

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

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) Retention of female, 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 PUYSUB.
- 6) Harvesters are limited to fishing 4 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.
- 9) Only harvesters who have received the educational outreach endorsement and a permit shall be able participate in this harvest.
- 10) Crabbers must obtain a permit prior to participation in the harvest. Each permit will be good for three days. Crabbers are limited to one permit per week.
- 11) Harvesters are limited to 12 crabs per person per day.

JUSTIFICATION: HARVEST AVAILABLE RESOURCE

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