

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT GEODUCK HARVEST TRAINING POLICY

The Shellfish Code requires geoduck dive harvest trainees to complete various courses, physicals and ultimately a proficiency test before they are eligible to participate in the commercial harvest {12.12.610(a)}. The code does not contain detailed policies and procedures to address various situations that may be encountered during the harvest training activities.

This policy is intended to guide the orderly execution of the geoduck harvest training program sanctioned, funded and administered by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

After the trainee has completed the dive orientation class, cpr/first aid, {12.12.610(a)(3-5)} and passed the dive physical {12.12.620(a-e)} and obtained a valid fisher I.D. card, a trainee permit {12.12.260(a)} shall be obtained from the Shellfish Department.

- 1) It shall be the trainees' responsibility to obtain a position aboard a harvest vessel.
- 2) The Tribe will compensate the vessel owner \$150 per day regardless of the number of trainees aboard the vessel for up to 15 dives. The Tribe will compensate the trainee \$50 per dive for up to 15 dives.
- 3) Training compensation will be based on dive log. Each dive in the logs shall be initialed by the trainee and trainer. The dive log shall include: date, vessel, designated person in charge, location, time in water, time out of water, maximum depth, dive tables or computer used, any comments regarding safety or no-decompression limits exceeded.
- 4) The harvest training dives shall be conducted during days when commercial harvest is open and geoduck monitor staff are present.
- 5) The intent of the harvest training program is that the trainee be actively harvesting and producing geoduck. There is an expectation that geoduck will be harvested and sold during training days.
- 6) The geoduck harvested by the trainee shall be sold for the same price as the market rate received by the vessel (s) during the day training occurred.
- 7) The trainee geoduck harvest shall be sold and 100% taxed. The tax shall be collected by the buyer at the point of sale and remanded to the tribe with all other tax.
- 8) The trainee shall inform the Shellfish Department when they are ready to take the proficiency test. The Department shall have the discretion to schedule the test so that staff can be prepared.
- 9) The proficiency test shall occur as either the first dive of the day or the first dive after the boat has moved to a new position.
- 10) The Shellfish Code prescribes some details of the proficiency test in section 12.12.610 (a)(6).