



Point No Point Treaty Council

Port Gamble S'Klallam • Jamestown S'Klallam

2017

Point No Point Treaty Council In-Common Subsistence Octopus Regulation #S17-058

May 31, 2017

The following regulation is promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation experimental fisheries for octopus by the Port Gamble S'Klallam and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes (PNPTC member Tribes). The term of this regulation is from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, and is intended to regulate the subsistence octopus harvest by these member Tribes. In the event an annual octopus management plan for Puget Sound is completed before the end of this period, this regulation will be superceded by that plan. On-reservation subsistence octopus fisheries shall be conducted under the provisions of the individual Tribal Fisheries Ordinances and Regulations. All areas not specifically opened by these regulations shall remain closed to the harvest of octopus. Only gear and methods specifically authorized by these regulations may be legally used.

1. SPECIES

Octopus (*Octopus dofleini*).

2. FISHING AREAS

For the Jamestown S'Klallam and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes: Catch Reporting Areas: 20B, 22A, 23A, 23B, 23C, 23D, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, 26A (all S'Klallam U&A within that portion of area 26A, south and west of Possession Point on Whidbey Island), 27A, 27B (north of an east-west line from Ayock Pt.), 29.

3. OPEN AREAS AND TIMES

All areas are open to subsistence octopus harvest from 6:00 AM June 1, 2017 through 6:00 PM May 31, 2018, with the following exceptions:

The following specific areas of the San Juan Islands Marine Preserve shall remain closed to fishing at all times:

A. San Juan Islands:

- 1) False Bay - All tidelands of the Bay.

2) Friday Harbor - University of Washington tidelands extending from the boundary marker 1,500 feet north of Point Caution, then south along the shore to the boundary marker located 100 feet north of the entrance of the floating breakwater of the Port of Friday Harbor.

3) Argyle Lagoon - All University of Washington tidelands enclosed by the inner spit.

4) Garrison Bay - All tidelands of Guss Island and all state and federally owned tidelands south of the boundary marker approximately 1,000 yards south of Bell Point.

5) Yellow and Low Islands - All tidelands

6) Shaw Island - University of Washington tidelands extending from the boundary marker in Hicks Bay west and north along the shore, around Point George into and including all of Parks Bay.

B. Pitship Point (BIDN 250057)

4. GEAR USE LIMITATIONS

A. Octopus may be taken by hook and line, hand, pot or other instruments that do not penetrate the animal.

B. The use of chemical irritants is not allowed.

C. Shellfish pots, when used, must remain submerged at all times and tidal stages

5. HARVEST LIMITATIONS

The subsistence daily limit is two octopuses per fisher. This harvest limitation may be modified through an emergency amendment to this regulation.

6. SUBSISTENCE CATCH REPORTING

All subsistence octopus harvest shall be reported on shellfish subsistence cards using the species code "541." Tribal subsistence harvest reporting cards are available at the Tribal Fisheries Offices. Harvesters are required to have a valid shellfish subsistence card in their possession during the subsistence harvest. Cards are valid only when signed by authorized Tribal Fisheries staff.

7. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

The above regulations may be amended at any time by emergency regulations. Prior to harvest, each fisher shall check with the tribal fishery office for emergency regulation changes.

8. AUTHORITY

The above in-common regulations are promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council under the authority delegated by the member tribes.



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