POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL

Port Gamble S'Klallam * Jamestown S'Klallam

Fishery Services Program

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IN-COMMON COHO REGULATIONS
#F14-025

The following regulations are promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council under authority delegated by its member Tribes, and shall apply to commercial fisheries (except troll) for coho salmon in the off-reservation areas outlined below.

SECTION I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

TOPIC 1. IN COMMON MANAGEMENT AREAS

These regulations shall apply to the following areas by Tribe:

a) Jamestown S'Klallam and Port Gamble S'Klallam: Areas 4B, 5, 6, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D (outside the exclusive harvest demarcation line), 7, 9, 12, 12A, 12B, 75C (Hoko River), 82F (Big Quilcene River), 76A (Dungeness River).

b) Jamestown S'Klallam: Area 6D (inside the exclusive harvest demarcation line).

TOPIC 2. LAWFUL GEAR

Marine drift gillnets: minimum stretched mesh, 5"; length as specified in tribal ordinances.

Marine set nets: minimum stretched mesh, 5"; maximum length, 150 fms., except in Areas 6D and 12A where maximum length is limited to 100 fms.

Beach Seines: Maximum length 100 fathoms (600 ft); minimum mesh size 3 inches, maximum mesh size 4 inches; maximum depth 100 meshes; web material multifilament only; use of power equipment for retrieval is not permitted.

River set nets: minimum stretched mesh, 5"; length as specified in tribal ordinances.

Hand held gear: (dip nets, snaglines / gaffs, hook-and-line) as specified in tribal ordinances.

TOPIC 3. MANAGEMENT PERIODS

Areas 4B, 5, 6C: August 17 through October 11
Area 6: August 31 through October 11
Area 6A: September 07 through October 18
Area 7: September 07 through October 18
Areas 6B, 9: August 24 through September 27
Areas 6D and Zone 1 Dungeness R.: September 21 through October 25
Area 12: September 10 through October 11
Area 12B: September 14 through October 18
Area 12A: August 21 through October 11
Area 75C (Hoko R.): September 21 through November 01
Area 76A (Dungeness R. Zone 2): September 21 through November 01
Area 82F (Big Quilcene River): August 31 through October 20

SECTION II. FISHERY OPENINGS

TOPIC 1. Areas 4B, 5, 6C
Openings shall be announced by inseason regulation after the PSC Fraser Panel relinquishes control of Panel waters, based on inseason management considerations.

TOPIC 2. Areas 6, 6A, 6B, 7, 9, 76C (Hoko River)
Closed throughout the management period.

TOPIC 3. Areas 12, 12B
Area 12: Beach seines and hand held gear shall be opened by in-season emergency regulation beginning September 16, subject to Restrictions #8 and #9 below. Gillnet gear closed through 9/24. Gillnet gear shall be opened by in-season emergency regulation beginning September 25.

Area 12B: Beach seines and hand held gear shall be opened by in-season emergency regulation beginning September 16, subject to Restrictions #8 and #9 below. Gillnet gear closed through 9/30. Gillnet gear shall be opened by in-season emergency regulation beginning October 1.

TOPIC 4. Areas 6D, 76A (Dungeness R.)
Openings shall be announced by in-season emergency regulations beginning 9/21.

TOPIC 5. Areas 12A, 82F (Big Quilcene R.)
Area 12A: Closed through 8/20; subsequent openings shall be announced by in-season emergency regulations; subject to Restrictions #5, #6, and #7 below.

Area 82F: Openings to be determined inseason from 9/1 through 10/15; openings shall be announced by in-season emergency regulations; subject to Restrictions #5 and #6 below. From Rogers Street to U.S. Hwy 101, hook and line gear only.

SECTION III. SPECIAL CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS

1) No marine set nets or seine gear may be operated closer than 1,000 feet from any stream or river mouth which is not open to net fisheries. The mouth of each stream is generally defined by a line drawn across the seaward headlands at high tide. For the Big and Little Quilcene rivers it is defined as the line drawn across the seaward headlands at any tide stage. For Big Beef Creek, the closed area shall be the area within 1,500 feet from the Seabeck highway bridge.

2) In Area 6D, the area within 1,500 feet from each mouth of the Dungeness River shall be closed to all fishing. The river mouth shall be defined as the line drawn across the seaward headlands at high tide.

3) In Area 6D, fishers may operate a maximum of two set nets, if both nets are close enough to be visually monitored at all times. Fishers must attend to their gear at all times when fishing, through October 10. Fishers who use the Dungeness Spit, are reminded that access and use of the NWR property for treaty fishing, is governed by a Tribal-USFWS agreement. Fishers who use sites at San Juan Farms, on Cline Spit, are reminded that access may be governed by a Tribal / Property owner agreement. Copies of these agreements, where applicable, may be obtained from the Jamestown S'Klallam Fisheries Office.

4) In area 6D, any captured chum and Chinook salmon, which are alive, must be released unharmed through October 10. Any chum or Chinook salmon retrieved dead must be retained intact for sampling purposes and recorded on fish receiving tickets.

5) Area 12A south of a line drawn due east from Pt. Whitney shall be closed to all fishing, and in Area 82F, the Quilcene River below Rogers St. shall be closed to all fishing.

6) In Areas 12A and 82F, all chum and Chinook salmon captured by hand held gear, which are alive, must be released unharmed through September 30 in Area 12A and through October 15 in Area 82F. Chum and Chinook salmon, which are not released alive, must be kept intact and recorded on fish tickets.

7) In Areas 12A and 6D, no treaty set net may be placed closer than 300 feet to any other treaty net. Also, in area 12A, no hook-and-line gear may be used within 100 feet of the net pens.

8) In Areas 12 and 12B, any chinook or chum salmon captured by beach seine or hand held gear must be released unharmed through September 30.

9) In Area 12B, the use of gillnet gear shall be prohibited within 500 feet of the western shore through October 10. Hand held gear operators must release all chum and Chinook salmon captured in this area through October 10.

10) No part of any river set net may be closer than 150 feet to any other set net. Also, no net may block more than one-half of the river width, usable by salmon.

11) It is prohibited to chase, herd, or otherwise cause fish to move from a closed area to an open area.

12) Fishers are reminded that catches may be sampled by authorized Tribal, Federal, or WDFW samplers. Also, fishing gear must be handled only by the owner and/or fishers authorized by the owner, or by Tribal enforcement officers in the performance of their duties.

SECTION IV. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Openings and restrictions outlined in these regulations may be modified at any time by emergency regulations based on in-season management considerations.

SECTION V. EXPECTED EFFORT AND HARVEST

a) Expected effort estimates are submitted separately by each of the member tribes.

b) The Jamestown and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes intend to fully harvest their lawful share of coho salmon.

SECTION VI. AUTHORITY

The above regulations are promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council under authority delegated by the member Tribes

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I CERTIFY THAT COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT WERE MAILED PREPAID ON 8/18/14 TO ALL PERSONS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT'S ORDER OF MARCH 1, 1976
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