



**PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE
NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**
31912 Little Boston Rd. NE – Kingston, WA 98346

**Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
Area 9A Annual Chum Regulations
#F2023-03**

These regulations apply to all commercial fisheries in Area 9A, both On- and Off-Reservation. Regulations for all other Port Gamble S'Klallam Usual and Accustomed areas are promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council and should be consulted prior to fishing in those areas.

SECTION I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Area:

Catch reporting Area 9A, described as follows: shall include those waters of Puget Sound known as Port Gamble Bay southerly of a line projected true west from the shoreward end of the (Port Gamble tribal dock on) Point Julia (47°51'17.3"N, 122°34'35.5"W) to the mainland in the community of Port Gamble and those on-reservation waters of Hood Canal north of Port Gamble Bay to the marker at the north end.



Closure Areas: No gillnet may be operated within the boundaries as described:

From the head/mouth of Port Gamble Bay along both the eastern and western shores, along the southeastern edge of Pt. Julia and then north of a straight line drawn to west to the southern edge of the old mill site designated by markers.

Gravel plot net closure area: A line due west from the base of the Gravel Plot stairs (47.847916, -122.569905) south to a line due west from the southwest corner of Mike Jones house passing through the coordinates 47.845902, -122.568703.

2. Management Period:

October 29, 2023 through November 26, 2023.

3. Open Period:

October 29, 2023 through November 25, 2023; **Open Weekly from 7:00 AM Sunday to 12:00 Noon Friday.** Fishing days may be modified based on in-season management considerations.

4. Lawful Gear:

- a) Set gillnets: 900 feet maximum length, 200 feet minimum length (except north of Point Julia site #1, at the north end of the bay is restricted to 600 feet maximum length), 5" minimum stretched mesh. Maximum depth for nets set within 600 feet of the shore is 35 meshes. Maximum depth for nets set farther than 600 feet from shore is 60 meshes.
- b) Hand held gear: Hook and line, hand-dip net, gaff and snag lines as defined in section 17.01.03; (section mm, y, x, and v) of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Fishing Code.
- c) Beach seines: Maximum length 600 feet; maximum depth of 100 meshes. Mesh size, minimum 3" and maximum 4".

SECTION II: GEAR AND AREA RESTRICTIONS

1. Gear Deployment

- a) No net or part of a net may be set within 300 feet of any other net.
- b) All nets set north of Pt. Julia must have one net end fastened or anchored to the shore at or above the MHHW line.
- c) It shall be unlawful to set a gillnet in marine waters in a manner which blocks more than half of the entrance to any stream at any tide level.
- d) Nets must not be attached to the tribal pier or to any part of the salmon net pens in Port Gamble Bay and nets must not be attached to private piers, navigation lights, docks, or bulkheads without prior permission of the owner.

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- e) In the north end of Port Gamble Bay, no net gear (gillnets or beach seines) may be operated in that part of Area 9A, south of Pt. Julia and north of a straight east-west line drawn between the tribal fisheries markers, except by Tribal fisheries staff for the benefit of the Tribe. (See Hatchery Closure Area Map)
- f) It is unlawful to take, attempt to take, or harass any salmon species from Little Boston Creek, Middle Creek, or any finfish from the hatchery facility (Title 17.11.43), unless under the supervision of Tribal Fisheries personnel.



2. **Roadside/Beachside Sales**
The commercial sale of catch to individuals for the purposed of personal consumption (“Roadside Sales” or “Beachside Sales”) is authorized and subject to the following restrictions:
 - a) All catch must be recorded on fish tickets or Roadside Sale Reporting Forms.
 - b) All sales must be made and recorded within 72 hours of the fishery closing.
 - c) All sales must be reported to the Port Gamble Fisheries Office no later than three (3) days after the date of sale.
 - d) Sales to individuals for the purpose of resale are prohibited

3. **Miscellaneous:**
 - a) All buoys and the third float from shore must be clearly marked with the fisher’s name and ID number. Nets not clearly marked and/or not attended within a **14-hour period** will be considered abandoned and shall be confiscated.
 - b) It is unlawful to discard or abandon net gear in any water capable of supporting salmon or steelhead. Nets not clearly marked and/or not attended within a **14-hour period** will be considered abandoned and shall be confiscated.
 - c) All fish landed must be made available to PGST Fisheries Staff for sampling.
 - d) It is unlawful to discard or abandon gillnets in any water capable of supporting salmon or steelhead. All nets must be removed at the end of each fishery.
 - e) Although egg products may be sold separately, fishers are reminded that no litter, fish, or fish parts may be left behind during and after the fishery closes. Any violation of this provision shall be a citable offense, under the wastage and littering provisions of the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Fishing Code.
 - f) All catches, made under this regulation, must be reported on fish receiving tickets, whether sold or kept for personal use. If the entire day’s catch is kept for personal use (or egged and discarded) it must be reported to the Fisheries Office, where a receiving ticket will be filled out.

SECTION III. EFFORT AND HARVEST

1. The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe expects and intends to take its full lawful share of harvestable salmon.
2. The expected effort will be submitted separately.

SECTION IV. AUTHORITY

This regulation is promulgated by the Port Gamble S’Klallam Fisheries Manager under the authority of Section 17.8.3 of the Port Gamble S’Klallam title 17 Fishing Code adopted July 12, 1994 (Amended 12/13/21).



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