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

PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE
2025-2026 WINTER STEELHEAD REGULATIONS
#F2025-08

These regulations apply to all commercial fisheries for winter steelhead salmon by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe in 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 Southern Port Gamble boat ramp on Point Julia (47°5 I'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 the Port Gamble Bay to the marker at the north end of the Port Gamble Indian Reservation.

I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Management Period:

December 3, 2025 through March 31, 2026

B. Open Period:

7:00 am Tuesday December 12, 2025 through 12:00 noon Wednesday January 31, 2026.

Dates and times may be amended by emergency regulation

II. GEAR AND AREA RESTRICTIONS

A. Lawful Gear

Set gillnets: 900 feet maximum and 200 feet minimum 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. No fisher may operate more than two nets at any one time.

Hand held gear (Hook and line, hand-dip net, gaff and snag lines) as defined in section 17.01.03; (sections V, **X, Y** and mm) of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Fishing Code.

B. No net or part of a net may be set within 300 feet of any other net. South of Point Julia, the on-reservation fishing sites will be marked at 300 foot intervals. North of Point Julia, the on-reservation beach will be marked at 5 fishing sites. In these areas, nets must be set at the marked locations.

C. All nets set north of Pt. Julia must have one net end fastened or anchored to the shore at or above the **MHHW** line.

D. Nets must be set perpendicular to the shoreline at the point where the net is anchored from the shore.

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E. 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.

F. 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.

G. In the north end of Port Gamble Bay, no gillnet may be operated in that part of Area 9A north of a straight east-west line drawn between the tribal fisheries markers, except by tribal fisheries staff for the benefit of the tribe.

H. On-reservation fishing is restricted to two nets per household.

I. Nets not clearly marked and/or not attended within a **14-hour period** will be considered abandoned and shall be confiscated.

J. All buoys and the third float from shore must be clearly marked with the fishers name and ID number.

K. 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.

L. It is unlawful to discard or abandon gillnets in any water capable of supporting salmon or steelhead. Nets not clearly marked and/or not attended within a 24 hour period will be considered abandoned and shall be confiscated.

II: EXPECTED EFFORT

One to six set gillnets, occasional effort.

III: EXPECTED HARVEST

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe expects and intends to take its full legal share of harvestable steelhead.

IV: AUTHORITY

This regulation is promulgated by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe under the authority of Section 17.8.01 of the Revised Port Gamble S'Klallam Title 17 Fishing Code adopted July 12, 1994 and Revised June 24th, 2019.

12/10/2025

Date Signed

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