



PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE
NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

31912 Little Boston Rd. NE - Kingston, WA 98346

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Area
9A Annual Coho Regulations

#F2026-003

Supersedes #F2026-002

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. **(Figure 1)**

Area 9A Set Net Rotation Zone: The on-reservation beach and intertidal waters of the Port Gamble Bay between Point Julia and the northern boundary of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Reservation.

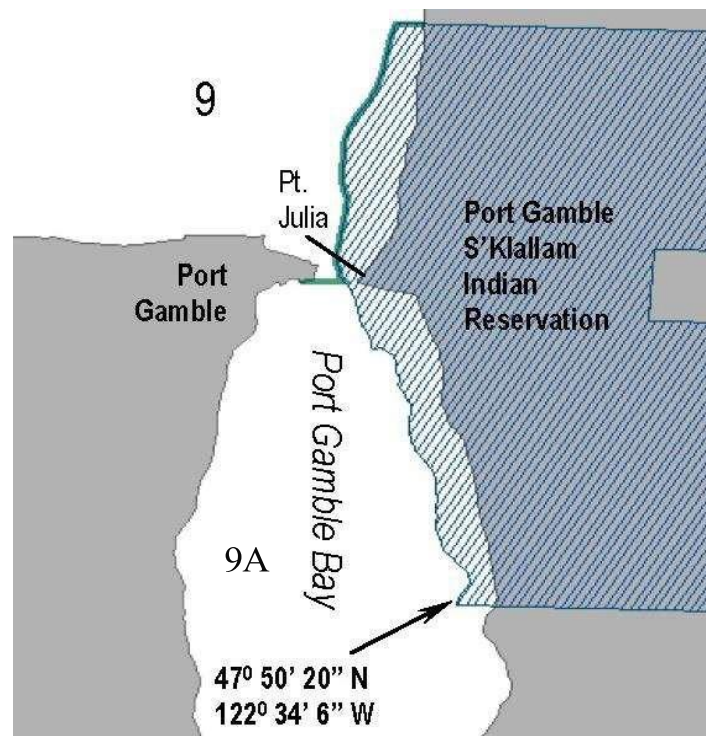


Figure 1: Reservation Fishing

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

Point Julia mouth net closure area: 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.

The northern line is from GPS points 47.854867, -122.579592 to 47.855751, -122.575252.

The southern line is from GPS points 47.851289, -122.583239 to 47.851786, -122.571148. **(Figure 2)**

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. The southern most point of on reservation “North of Point Julia” is coordinates 47.855751, -122.575252, 100 feet north of the boat ramp and gillnet closure area. **(Figure 2)**



Figure 2: Point Julia mouth and Gravel plot Closure areas

Gamble and Martha John Creek 1000 ft closure area: Gamble Creek 1000 ft closure extends from GPS point 47.819924494, -122.579615167 to 47.819319198, -122.57260062 in a straight line. Martha John Creek 1000 ft closure extends from GPS point 47.825661633, -122.567551956 to 47.820886914, -122.5654427 in a straight line. There will be closure signs posted. **(Figure 3)**

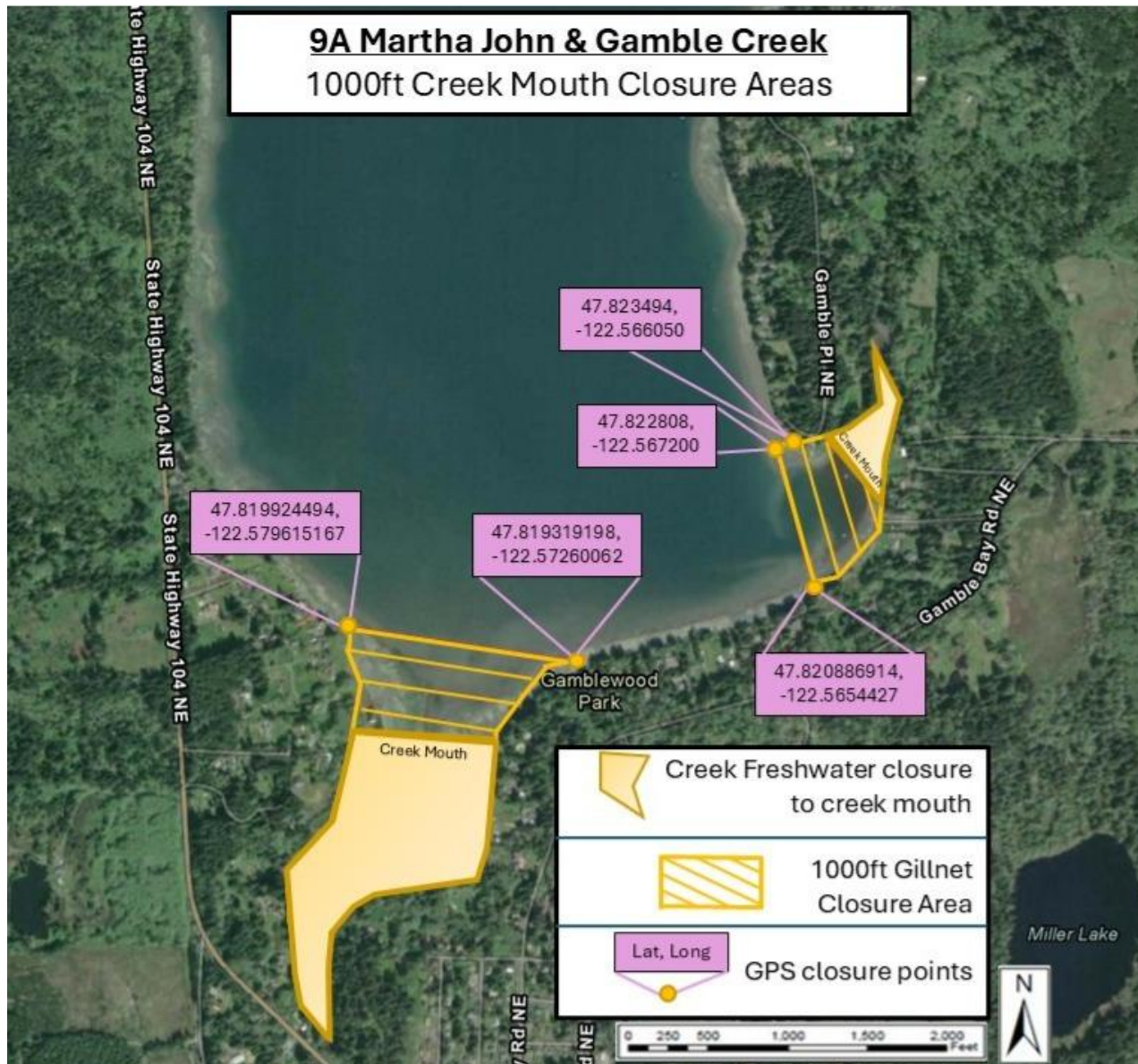


Figure 3: Martha John and Gamble Creek 1000ft closure areas.

2. Management Period:
August 3 through October 24, 2026.
3. Open Period: August 3 through October 24,
2026 North Point Julia Rotation:
Open Weekly from 6:00 AM Sunday to 12:00 PM Saturday;
Closed Saturday 12:01 PM to Sunday 5:59 AM.

***NOTE first week ONLY: open 12:00 AM, Monday
August 3, 2026, to 12:00 PM Saturday August 8, 2026***

South Point Julia:
Open 12:00 AM Monday, August 3, 2026 to 12:00 PM Saturday,
October 24, 2026.
4. Lawful Gear:
 - a) Set gillnets: 200 feet minimum length with maximum lengths of:
North of Point Julia: Set net site #1:330 feet; set net sites #2-10: 660 feet
South of Point Julia: On-reservation 660 feet; Off-reservation 990 feet.
Maximum depth of 35 meshes. Minimum 5" stretched mesh.
 - b) Drift gillnets: 200 feet minimum length with maximum lengths of:
South of Point Julia ONLY: On-reservation 660 feet; Off-reservation 990
feet. Maximum depth of 35 meshes. Minimum 5" stretched mesh.
 - c) Hand-held gear: Hook and line, hand-dip net, gaff and snag lines as defined
in section 17.01.03; (sub-sections t, v, w, x and y) of the Port Gamble
S'Klallam Tribe Fishing Code.

SECTION II: GEAR, AREA, AND OTHER 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) No Rotation in South of Point Julia
 - d) All set gillnet fishers must follow the North of Point Julia rotation schedule in which is as follows:
 - i. An initial rotation lottery drawing will establish the rotation list.
 - ii. The fisher whose name is on the rotation list for any of the rotation sites, is required to be present for the setting and lifting of the net.

- iii. Each net is to be moved 4 sites forward (North) on Sunday each week.
 - 1v. If a site is open (no net present) after 1:00 p.m. on Monday, any eligible fisher can set in that site so long as they inform the fisheries staff by the end of the day, at which time their name will be listed for that site in the current rotation only. The rotation list will revert to the original rotation the following week.
 - v. A fisher may occupy an open spot that is not being used by the designated fisher, however they must pull their nets immediately when the designated shows up with intentions to fish.
- 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 navigation lights, the tribal pier or to any part of the salmon net pens in Port Gamble Bay. Nets must also not be attached to private piers, docks, or bulkheads without prior permission of the owner.
 - g) Drift gillnets and set gillnets shall be operated in a straight line, except from sunrise to sunset if the requirements below are met, operators may set with a "J" shaped hook at the end of their net:
 - i. Drift and set gillnets operators may set the net with a "J" shaped hook so long as the ends of the net does not extend past 1/3 of the length of the net. (i.e. the doubling of the net is no more than 1/3 of the length of the net at the end)
 - Example: If a net is 660 ft long, the last 220ft of the net can have the "J" shaped hook
 - ii. Reminder: any part of the net must be 300ft away from any other deployed net
 - h) In the north end of Port Gamble Bay, no gillnet 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.
 - i) All nets must be set or drifted outside described closure areas (Figure 2 and Figure 3)
 - j) Handheld gear (Dip nets and Hook and Line) may be deployed on Point Julia including on the beach from the Boat Launch to the Little Boston Hatchery ladder

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.
 - b) It is unlawful to discard or abandon gillnets in any body of 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) During the month of September, all Chum and Chinook salmon captured alive by hand held gear, as defined in Section I.4 above, must be released unharmed back to the water where captured. If dead, Chum and Chinook must be retained for sampling.
 - d) All fish landed must be made available to PGST Fisheries Staff for sampling.
 - e) Fishers are reminded that all catch data must be reported to the Tribe's fisheries office within 24 hours of any sale and take-home catch must be clearly indicated on the tickets.

SECTION III. 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 IV. 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 is 35 fishers.

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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#F2026-003 SUPERSEDES #F2026-002 DUE TO MATCHING COMANAGER
REGULATIONS ON J-HOOK DEPLOYMENT IN GILLNETS