



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

2023-24  
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe On-Reservation  
Intertidal Bivalve Regulations  
#S23-13

These regulations apply to all commercial and subsistence fisheries for clams, oysters and mussels on the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's Reservation from May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024.

1. SPECIES

- A. Clams: Manila and native littleneck, butter, horse, cockle, geoduck, soft-shell, macoma, piddock, varnish clams
- B. Oysters
- C. Mussels

2. AREAS

Those beaches within the boundaries of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Reservation.

3. MANAGEMENT PERIOD

May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024

4. OPENINGS

A. Subsistence

1) Open until further notice:

- a. On-Reservation tidelands from northern reservation boundary south to the boat launch inside Port Gamble Bay at Point Julia.
- b. On-Reservation tidelands from boat launch inside Port Gamble Bay at Point Julia south to the orange spray painted downed tree below Roger Sullivan's house or the former site of Roger Sullivan's house. The downed tree is located at the coordinates lat 47.851819°, lon -122.571123°.
- c. On-Reservation tidelands from Middle Creek to south reservation boundary.

2) Closed until further notice:

- a. On-Reservation tidelands from orange spray painted downed tree below Roger Sullivan's house (or the former site of Roger Sullivan's house; the downed tree is located at the coordinates lat 47.851819°, lon -122.571123°) to Middle Creek.

B. Commercial



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All On-Reservation beaches covered by this regulation are closed to commercial harvest unless specifically opened by emergency regulations. All fishers are required to consult with the Natural Resources Department Office regarding openings and other provisions of the fishery.

5. LEGAL GEAR

Only hand-held fork, rake, shovel or pick.

6. SUBSISTENCE FISHERY DAILY LIMITS

- A. Manila and native littleneck, and soft-shell clams combined: 20 pounds
- B. Butter: 20 pounds
- C. Horse: 10 clams
- D. Geoduck: 6 clams
- E. Cockle: 15 pounds
- F. Mussels: 40 pounds
- G. Oyster: 50 oysters
- H. Other clam not specifically listed: no bag limit.

7. OTHER RESTRICTIONS

- A. Harvest size restrictions (no size limit unless listed)
  - 1) Manila and Littleneck clam: minimum size 1-1/2 inches
  - 2) Cockle and Butter clam: minimum size 2-1/2 inches
  - 3) Oysters: minimum size 2-1/2 inches (for single oysters)
  - 4) Horse clam: no minimum size, first 10 dug
  - 5) Geoduck: no minimum size, first 6 dug
- B. Members shellfishing for subsistence or recreational purposes need to have a Tribal Fishing Identification Card and Subsistence Reporting Card on their person while harvesting.
- C. Each time a fisher harvests shellfish for non-commercial purposes, he or she shall complete a Subsistence/Catch Reporting Card prior to leaving the beach.
- D. Bait Restrictions: It shall be unlawful to use subsistence clams or oysters for bait in any fishery.
- E. Labeling  
A label must be affixed to each bag of commercially harvested clams or oysters immediately after filling the bag. Ready-to-use printed labels are available at the Natural Resources Department Office. The labels will be issued only to currently



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licensed Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal harvesters. Each label will include the following information:

- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.
- Tag sequence number.
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe certification number: WA-0589-HA which is valid only for the harvest and transport of clams and oysters by Port Gamble S'Klallam tribal members participating in fisheries governed by these regulations and those of the Point No Point Treaty Council.
- Harvester name and identification number.
- Harvest date
- Growing area (Port Gamble)
- Beach identification number (BIDN)
- Shellfish type (species).
- Quantity.

F. Post Harvest Activities

All commercially harvested clams and oysters shall be sold within a specified time period after harvest as stated in the applicable emergency regulation.

8. CATCH REPORTING

All commercially harvested clams and oysters shall be reported on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets (Fish Ticket) as specified in the Fishing Code. The beach location and beach identification number (BIDN), from the applicable emergency regulation, must be recorded on the Fish Ticket at the time of sale.

9. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

These regulations may be amended at any time by emergency regulations. Prior to harvest, each harvester shall consult with the Natural Resources Department Office for information regarding openings, closures and other provisions of the fishery.

10. 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 June 14, 2021.

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