POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL SECTION 4.6 CRAB REGULATION FOR REGION 3

The following regulation is promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation subsistence Dungeness crab fisheries by the Port Gamble S'Klallam and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes in Region 3. The term of this regulation is from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, unless superceded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Port Gamble and Jamestown Tribes in Region 3 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States v. Washington, 898 F. supp. 1453 (W.D. Wash. 1995), as amended by the Stipulation and Order Amending Shellfish Implementation Plan, dated April 8, 2002, (hereafter "Implementation Order"). In the event the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superceded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 3 Crab Harvest Management Plan.

FILING ORGANIZATION:	POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL
REGULATION NUMBER:	#S25-073
DATE ADOPTED:	MAY 30, 2025
REGULATION MODIFIED	REGULATION #S25-066, SECTIONS 5 AND 7a.
REGULATION SUPERCEDED:	NONE
CATCH AREAS:	CRUSTACEAN MANAGEMENT REGION 3, DESCRIBED AS: SUBREGION 3-1 (SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 23A, AND 23B), SUBREGION 3-2 (SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS 25A, 25E AND 23D), SUBREGION 3-3 (THAT PORTION OF SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREA EAST OF A LINE PROJECTED DUE NORTH FROM LOW POINT), SUBREGION 3-4 (THAT PORTION OF SHELLFISH CATCH REPORTING AREA 23C WEST OF A LINE PROJECTED DUE NORTH FROM LOW POINT, AND 29).
FISHERY TYPE:	SUBSISTENCE
SPECIES:	DUNGENESS CRAB (*Metacarcinus magister*) AND RED ROCK CRAB (*Cancer productus*)
ON/OFF RESERVATION:	OFF
EFFECTIVE DATES:	JUNE 15, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2026
DAYS/HOURS:	

1. SUBREGION 3-1: OPEN 7:00 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 15, CLOSE 5:00 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 31, OR WHEN THE RESPECTIVE TRIBAL QUOTA IN SUBREGION 3-1 HAS BEEN TAKEN, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
2. SUBREGION 3-2: OPEN 7:00 AM SUNDAY, JUNE 22, CLOSE 5:00 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 31, OR WHEN THE RESPECTIVE TRIBAL QUOTA IN SUBREGION 3-2 HAS BEEN TAKEN, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
3. SUBREGION 3-3: OPEN 7:00 AM MONDAY, JUNE 16, CLOSE 5:00 PM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, OR WHEN THE RESPECTIVE TRIBAL QUOTA IN SUBREGION 3-3 HAS BEEN TAKEN, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
4. SUBREGION 3-4: OPEN 7:00 AM MONDAY, JUNE 16, CLOSE 5:00 PM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, OR WHEN THE RESPECTIVE TRIBAL QUOTA IN SUBREGION 3-2 HAS BEEN TAKEN, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
5. FOR ALL OPEN AREAS, POTS MAY ONLY BE CHECKED FROM ONE HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE TO ONE HOUR AFTER SUNSET EACH DAY.

LEGAL GEAR:

1. AS PER REGULATION #S25-066, SECTION 7 AND SECTION 8. LEGAL SUBSISTENCE GEAR INCLUDES CRAB POTS, RING NETS, DIP NETS AND OTHER HAND OPERATED INSTURMENTS THAT DO NOT PENETRATE THE SHELL.
2. SUBSISTENCE POT LIMIT FOR REGION 3 IS 5 POTS/RING NETS PER FISHER/DAY IN ALL AREAS COMBINED.
3. LONG LINE FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED: EACH POT OR RING NET BEING FISHED MUST HAVE A SURFACE BUOY ATTACHED.
4. A BUOY MAY BE ANY COLOR EXCEPT FOR A COMBINATION OR RED AND WHITE. IF ANY PORTION OF A BUOY IS RED, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE WHITE. IF ANY PORTION OF A BUOY IS WHITE, NO REMAINING PORTION MAY BE RED.

HARVEST RESTRICTIONS:

1. THE MINIMUM SIZE FOR HARVEST IS 6 1/4 INCHES FOR DUNGENESS CRAB AND 5 INCHES FOR RED ROCK CRAB. MINIMUM SIZE IS MEASURED AS CALIPER LENGTH ACROSS THE BACK OF THE CRAB, IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE TIPS.
2. ONLY MALE CRAB MAY BE TAKEN.
3. RECENTLY MOLTED, SOFT-SHELLED CRAB MAY NOT BE TAKEN. ALL CRAB TAKEN MUST BE CHECKED FOR SHELL HARDNESS.
4. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR FISHERS TO RETAIN AND POSSESS ANY FEMALE, UNDERSIZED AND SOFT-SHELLED CRABS. ALL FEMALE, UNDERSIZED AND SOFT-SHELLED DUNGENESS CRABS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER UNHARMED.
5. THE DAILY SUBSISTENCE HARVEST LIMIT IN REGION 3 IS 10 CRABS PER FISHER.

CLOSED AREAS:

AS PER REGULATION #S25-066, SECTION 6.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

1. FISHERS MUST BE 10 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO SUBSISTENCE FISH FOR CRAB.

2. FISHERS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN COMMERCIAL OPENINGS IN REGION 3 ARE NOT PERMITTED TO FISH FOR SUBSISTENCE CRAB IN CATCH AREAS OF REGION 3 OPEN FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING OR IN CATCH AREAS OF REGION 3 ADJACENT TO THOSE OPEN FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING.
3. BUOY TAGS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL CRAB POTS AND RING NETS USED FOR SUBSISTENCE FISHING, WHETHER GEAR IS ATTENDED OR NOT. TAGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICES.
4. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE FROM THE WATER OR TAMPER WITH ANOTHER FISHER'S CRAB GEAR. ANY CRAB GEAR FOUND WITHOUT LEGIBLE IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE. FISHERS WISHING TO TEND THE GEAR OF ANOTHER FISHER ON A TEMPORARY BASIS MUST OBTAIN A GEAR-TENDING PERMIT SPECIFIC TO THAT FISHER, FROM THEIR TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE. TRIBAL FISHERIES STAFF MAY DECLINE REQUESTS FOR PERMITS. PERMITS WILL BE VALID FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAIALBLE FROM THE RESPECTIVE TRIBAL FISHERIES STAFF.

LOST GEAR REPORTING:

1. ALL FISHERS MUST REPORT LOST GEAR TO ENFORCEMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FISHERY.
2. PORT GAMBLE FISHERS MUST FILL OUT A LOST POT FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE CLOSE OF THE FISHERY.

CATCH REPORTING:

ALL SUBSISTENCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTENCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE. SUBSISTENCE FISHERS MUST HAVE SUBSISTENCE CARDS ON THEIR PERSON WHEN FISHING.

JUSTIFICATION:

COMMENCE SUBSISTENCE CRAB FISHING IN REGION 3.