POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL SECTION 4.6 CRAB REGULATION FOR REGION 2W

The following regulation is promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial Dungeness crab fisheries by the Port Gamble S'Klallam and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes in Region 2W. The term of this regulation is from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, unless superceded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Port Gamble and Jamestown Tribes in Region 2W under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States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the Region 2W Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superceded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 2W Crab Harvest Management Plan.

FILING ORGANIZATION:	POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL
REGULATION NUMBER:	#S25-095
DATE ADOPTED:	JUNE 26, 2025
REGULATION MODIFIED	REGULATION #S25-066, SECTIONS 5 AND 7a.
REGULATION SUPERCEDED:	#S25-092
CATCH AREAS:	SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT REGION 2 WEST (CATCH REPORTING AREAS 25B, 25D, AND ALL S'KLALLAM U&A AREAS IN THAT PORTION OF AREA 26AW SOUTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF POSSESSION POINT ON WHIDBEY ISLAND).
FISHERY TYPE:	COMMERCIAL
SPECIES:	DUNGENESS CRAB (*Metacarcinus magister*) AND RED ROCK CRAB (*Cancer productus*)
ON/OFF RESERVATION:	OFF
EFFECTIVE DATES:	JUNE 15, 2025 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2026

DAYS/HOURS:

1. FOR THE PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM AND JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE: **OPEN ON OR AFTER JUNE 15, 2025. ACTUAL DAYS AND HOURS WILL BE PROVIDED IN A SUBSEQUENT AND SUPERSEDING REGULATION.**
2. FOR ALL OPEN AREAS, POTS MAY ONLY BE CHECKED FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET EACH DAY.

LEGAL GEAR:

1. AS PER REGULATION #S25-066, SECTION 7 AND SECTION 8.
2. POT LIMITS FOR EACH OF THE AREAS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
    a. FOR ALL AREAS COMBINED: 50 POTS PER FISHER AND PER VESSEL.
    b. FOR AREA 25D ONLY: 20 POTS PER FISHER AND PER VESSEL.
3. 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.

OTHER 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. 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.
6. ALL COMMERCIAL CRAB SALES INTENDED FOR RESALE MUST BE MADE TO TRIBALLY APPROVED BUYERS WHO HAVE FILLED OUT A BUYER'S AGREEGMENT WITH EITHER THE PORT GAMBLE OR JAMESTOWN TRIBE.

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.

REGISTRATION:

ALL TRIBAL FISHERS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGION 2W CRAB FISHERY MUST REGISTER AT THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE PRIOR TO FISHING. AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, FISHERS SHALL REPORT THE NUMBER OF POTS TO BE USED AND POTENTIAL BUYERS THAT FISHERS INTEND TO SELL TO.

EXPECTED HARVEST:

THE TARGET HARVEST FOR THIS OPENING IS 100,000 POUNDS.

CATCH REPORTING:

1. ALL COMMERCIAL CATCHES SHALL BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. THE WEIGHT OF ALL CRAB RECEIVED AND NOT PURCHASED FOR ANY REASON SHALL BE RECORDED AS TAKE HOME OR SPECIES CODE 20-561 ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS. ALL SUBSISTENCE CRAB HARVEST SHALL BE REPORTED ON SHELLFISH SUBSISTENCE CARDS. CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE.
2. JAMESTOWN TRIBAL BUYERS MUST RETURN COMPLETED FISH TICKETS INTO JAMESTOWN'S FISHERIES OFFICE NO LATER THAN 6 DAYS FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL HARVEST.

JUSTIFICATION:

COMMENCE TREATY HARVEST OF AVAILABLE CRAB IN REGION 2W. THIS REGULATION POSTPONES THE OPENING PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28.