POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL SECTION 4.6 CRAB REGULATION FOR REGION 5

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 5, Hood Canal. The term of this regulation is from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, unless superceded, and is intended to regulate the Dungeness crab harvest by the Port Gamble and Jamestown Tribes in Region 5 under provisions of Paragraph 4.6 of United States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the Region 5 Crab Harvest Management Plan is completed before the end of this regulation term, this regulation will be superceded by a new regulation conforming to the provisions of the Region 5 Crab Harvest Management Plan.

FILING ORGANIZATION:	POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL
REGULATION NUMBER:	#S25-148
DATE ADOPTED:	AUGUST 26, 2025
REGULATION MODIFIED	REGULATION #S25-066, SECTIONS 5 AND 7a.
REGULATION SUPERCEDED:	#S25-093
CATCH AREAS:	REGION 5: CATCH REPORTING AREAS 25C, 27A, AND THAT PART OF AREA 27B NORTH OF AYOCK PT.
FISHERY TYPE:	SUBSISTENCE
SPECIES:	DUNGENESS CRAB (*Metacarcinus magister*) AND RED ROCK CRAB (*Cancer productus*)
ON/OFF RESERVATION:	OFF
EFFECTIVE DATES:	JUNE 15, 2025 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026

DAYS/HOURS:

1. FOR THE PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE AND THE JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE: OPEN TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025, CLOSE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026.
2. 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. LEGAL SUBSISTENCE GEAR INCLUDES CRAB POTS, RING NETS, DIP NETS AND OTHER HAND OPERATED INSTRUMENTS THAT DO NOT PENETRATE THE SHELL.
2. THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF CRAB POTS OR RING NETS COMBINED WILL BE THREE POTS/RING NETS PER FISHER PER DAY.
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.
4. LONG LINE FISHING IS NOT PERMITTED: EACH POT OR RING NET BEING FISHED MUST HAVE A SURFACE BUOY ATTACHED.

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 IS FIVE CRAB PER FISHER FOR PORT GAMBLE FISHERS AND 10 CRABS PER FISHER FOR JAMESTOWN FISHERS.

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.

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 5 OR REGION 2W ARE NOT PERMITTED TO FISH FOR SUBSISTENCE CRAB IN REGION 5 AT THE SAME TIME. ALL COMMERCIAL FISHERS ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE HOME CRAB FROM THEIR COMMERCIAL CATCH. ANY TAKE HOME CATCH MUST BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS.
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.

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.

JUSTIFICATION:

CONTINUE SUBSISTENCE CRAB FISHING IN HOOD CANAL. THIS REGULATION REMOVES THE RESTRICTION ON OVERNIGHT SOAKS.