



# Point No Point Treaty Council

Port Gamble S'Klallam • Jamestown S'Klallam

## 2026-2027 Point No Point Treaty Council In-Common Geoduck and Horse Clam Regulation for Subtidal Public Lands #S26-020

March 31, 2026

The following regulation is promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council and shall govern the commercial geoduck and horse clam fisheries conducted off-reservation and on subtidal public lands by the Port Gamble S'Klallam, and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes (PNPTC Member Tribes). The term of this regulation is from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. This regulation is intended to comply with provisions of the 2026-2027 regional Management Plans for Hood Canal, North Central Puget Sound, North Puget Sound, San Juan Islands and the Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca. In the event the Regional Management Plans for Hood Canal, North Central Puget Sound, North Puget Sound, San Juan Islands or Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca are not completed before the projected start of tribal fisheries in each of those regions, emergency regulations will be filed under 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"). These emergency regulations will remain in place either until they expire or until they are superceded by new regulations filed in accordance with provisions of the final annual management plans for either region. All areas and tracts not specifically opened by these regulations shall remain closed to the harvest of geoducks and horse clams. Only gear and methods specifically authorized by these regulations may be legally used.

### 1. Special Provisions

All geoduck and horse clam fishery provisions specified in Individual Tribal Fisheries Ordinances or Tribal Harvest Management Plans must be adhered to.

### 2. Species

Geoduck Clams (*Panopea generosa*), Horse Clams (*Tresus spp.*)

### 3. In-Common Fishing Areas

For the Jamestown S'Klallam and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes:  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Areas: 20A (south and west of a line between Toe Point on Patos Island and Point Migley on Lummi Island), 20B, 21A (south and west of Lummi Island and a line running between Carter Point on Lummi Island and the northern tip of Vendovi Island), 22A, 22B (north and west of a line between Clark

Point on Guemes Island and the southern tip of Vendovi Island, west of Guemes Island and south and west of a line running due south from Kelly's Point on Guemes Island), 23A, 23B, 23C, 23D, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, 26A (south of a line from Possession Pt to Picnic Pt.), 27A, 27B (north of an east-west line from Ayock Point), and 29.

#### **4. Management Period**

April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027

#### **5. Legal Gear**

High pressure water jet with a nozzle size not exceeding 5/8-inch diameter

#### **6. Commercial Fisheries Openings**

Harvest will occur between April 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027, during daylight hours, and will be restricted to the following geoduck tracts:

Point Julia #20020  
Port Gamble Inside #20100  
Thorndyke #20550  
Hazel Pt. (Toandos) #21000  
Vinland #20750  
Kahiyu #00340  
Protection Is. #01000  
Apple Cove Point North #06250  
Foulweather East #04950  
Point Partridge #03100

Commercial harvests of geoducks or horse clams on the above tracts will be managed by specific openings and closures using emergency regulations. Emergency regulations will be filed for each PNPTC Member Tribe and will specify location and description of the geoduck tracts to be opened, the hours and days of each opening, designated weigh-out times, specific off-load sites, and other provisions necessary to conduct the fishery. Tribal harvesters are responsible for knowing the current applicable regulations. Information on specific openings and closures will be available at the Tribal Fisheries Office and at the Point No Point Treaty Council Office.

All commercial geoduck and horse clam sales must be made to tribally-approved buyers who have filled out a buyer's agreement with either the Port Gamble or Jamestown Tribe.

All fisheries will be monitored according to agreed harvest monitoring and catch accounting procedures contained in the regional management plans. A harvest

monitor will oversee and direct the geoduck and/or horse clam fisheries on all opened tracts. Horse clams may only be harvested when a commercial geoduck tract is open and actively being fished. At a minimum, the monitor will remain on-tract each day for the fisheries openings and for the weigh-out procedure, and will remain within visual distance of the harvest site during the remaining period. Harvesters are required to check in with the monitor when entering a geoduck tract and prior to beginning fishing. Any vessel that has entered the harvest area may not leave the harvest area without the permission of the monitor. The harvest monitor has the authority to close the fishery to a particular vessel or an individual harvester immediately if a violation of any applicable regulation is observed.

## **7. Expected Effort**

The average tribal effort is expected to be ten vessels per day.

## **8. Expected Harvest**

- A. Geoduck - During the term of this regulation, harvest will not exceed the 2026-2027 treaty share, including any applicable carryover pounds from the previous season, in the Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca Region, the Hood Canal Region, and the North Central Puget Sound Region. The actual harvest by Point No Point Member Tribes in each region will depend upon intertribal management agreements and other sharing arrangements in place for the 2026-2027 geoduck season. The treaty share for each region may be further modified pending final agreement on the geoduck quotas within each region. Additional quota adjustments may be implemented to account for unreported geoduck mortalities that may be estimated for this season, and for carryover of unharvested geoducks from last season. Actual target quotas for each Point No Point Member Tribe, if established, will be stipulated in emergency regulations for each region.
- B. Horse Clam - During the term of this regulation, horse clams will be treated as an underutilized species and no harvest quota will be set.

## **9. Harvest Restrictions**

- A. Diving Safety - All divers, deckhands and vessels planning to participate in the 2026-2027 commercial dive fisheries must be duly registered with their respective Tribal Fisheries Office prior to participating in the fisheries. All harvesting shall be conducted so as to comply with individual tribal management ordinances/plans, rules, and safety standards governing geoduck and horse clam fisheries.
- B. All geoducks that are excavated (harvested) from the substrate during a harvest operation will be retained and the weights recorded. No geoducks will be discarded for any reason after being harvested. No geoducks will

be partially excavated from the substrate and then replaced. All geoducks that are excavated, either partially or wholly, must be retained and the weights recorded.

- C. All horse clams that are excavated from the substrate for commercial or commercial take-home shall be retained and reported as pounds of harvested horse clams on fish receiving tickets. Horse clams that are excavated from the substrate for other purposes, such as research sampling, shall be retained but pounds need not be reported on fish receiving tickets so long as they are otherwise reported to all Parties.
- D. All harvesting will be conducted at a minimum distance of 2 vertical feet from eelgrass beds. Any harvest conducted within or closer than 2 vertical feet to an eelgrass bed will be a violation of this regulation.
- E. In order to protect herring spawning populations, the shoreward boundaries of the Point Julia #20020 and Port Gamble Inside #20100 tracts will be -35 feet MLLW from April 1 through April 15 and from January 15 through March 31. The shoreward boundaries for these tracts will be -25 feet MLLW at Point Julia #20020 and -18 feet MLLW at Port Gamble Inside #20100 at all other times.

## **10. Sanitary Control of Shellfish**

- A. Shellfish Biotoxin Closures - All subtidal geoduck tracts are subject to emergency closure for harvest due to risk of illness caused by elevated levels of naturally occurring biotoxins (DSP/PSP/ASP). Any emergency closure or re-opening due to changes in biotoxin levels will be posted at the Tribal Fisheries Office and the Point No Point Treaty Council Office. In the event an emergency closure halts harvest at a primary geoduck tract, an alternate tract may be designated by emergency regulation. Alternate tracts will be chosen from the tracts listed in Section 6.
- B. Labeling - A label must be affixed to each container of commercially harvested geoducks or horse clams prior to leaving the harvest site. Ready-to-use printed labels are available at the Tribal Fisheries Offices. The labels will be issued only to Tribal members with a valid treaty fishing identification card and current annual fishing permit (sticker) attached to the card. Each label shall include the following information:
  - i) Tribe
  - ii) Harvester Name or ID Number
  - iii) Harvest Date
  - iv) State
  - v) Growing Area
  - vi) Geoduck Tract Name/Number
  - vii) Shellfish Type: "geoduck clam" or "horse clam"

- viii) Quantity (in pounds of geoduck or horse clam, unless conditions warrant a shore-based weigh-out)
- ix) Tag Sequence Number
- x) Tribe Certification Number:
  - (1) PGS'K - WA589HA
  - (2) JS'K - WA588SS

## 11. Catch Reporting

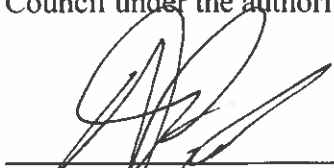
- A. All harvest weigh-outs will be witnessed by an authorized harvest monitor. Weighing will occur at the harvest site, before the vessel leaves the site, or at a designated off-load site, if weighing on the water is impractical due to weather or other conditions as determined by the monitor. An alternate weigh-out site will be described in the emergency regulations. After weigh-out, a carbon copy of the weigh-out form will be given to each fisher and a copy retained by the monitor. After weigh-out, harvested geoducks and horse clams will be transferred from the harvest vessel to shore prior to further processing.

The harvest monitor will record the weight of each fisher's harvest on a weigh-out form approved and adopted by the respective Tribe. The weight of each container will be recorded on the container label and on an official weigh-out form. All commercial and commercial take home harvest will be recorded on the weigh-out form. All take-home harvest must be weighed whole with the shell intact.

- B. All commercial and commercial take-home harvest will be reported on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets at the point of sale. A separate entry will be made on each fish ticket for the commercial and commercial take-home harvest. In addition, the appropriate geoduck tract name and number must be recorded on the fish tickets. Subsistence or ceremonial harvest will be accounted for by reporting the harvest on an appropriate form as determined by the harvesting Tribe.
- C. Jamestown tribal buyers must return completed fish tickets into Jamestown's fisheries office not later than 6 days following commercial harvest.

## 12. Authority

The above in-common regulation is promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council under the authority delegated by the Member Tribes



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