



POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL

Port Gamble S'Klallam * Jamestown S'Klallam

Fishery Services Program

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POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL
IN-COMMON
BOTTOMFISH REGULATION
#F23-010

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The following regulations, promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council, shall govern the conduct of commercial and subsistence fisheries by members of the Point No Point Treaty Tribes in the In-Common Areas, as outlined below.

All areas not specifically opened by these regulations shall remain closed to commercial fishing.

It shall be unlawful to harvest for commercial purposes any species of fish not included in this regulation, or other Tribal or Treaty Council regulations specifically authorizing such harvest.

TOPIC 1. SPECIES

Pacific Cod, Pacific Tomcod, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Whiting (hake), flounders, dabs and soles (excluding Pacific Halibut), greenlings, Lingcod, Ratfish, Sablefish, Cabezon, Spiny Dogfish, sharks (except six-gill and seven-gill sharks) and skates, all species of rockfish, all surf perches.

Pacific Halibut and Forage Fish fisheries are not covered under this regulation, but are covered under separate regulations.

TOPIC 2. AREAS

Marine Fish and Shellfish Areas 20B, 22A, 23A, 23B, 23C, 23D, 25A, 25B, 25C (except Port Gamble Bay), 25D, 25E, 26A (within S'Klallam U&A areas), 27A, 27B (north of Ayock Rock), and 29.

TOPIC 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

These regulations shall be effective for the period of April 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024.

TOPIC 4. DAYS AND TIMES

Open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, except as specified or restricted in Topics 6 through 12 of these regulations.

TOPIC 5. GEAR

Only gear specifically authorized by these regulations may be lawfully used.

a) Commercial

Set lines Maximum 500 hooks/skate, maximum 3,000 hooks /vessel.

Bottomfish troll (max. 2 lines/boat; max. 4 spreads/line; topspread must be less than 24' from the end of the line).

Hand line and bottomfish jigs.

Hand held dipnets (3 ft. max. diameter).

Ringnet (6 ft. maximum diameter).

Rake.

Beach seines (max. length 165 fms., min. mesh 5"). Thread size (multifilament only) no finer than seine #12.

Bottomfish set/drift gillnets (max. length 165 fms., min. mesh 5". Thread size no finer than seine #12).

Bottomfish pots (must have one wall made of cotton fiber or a vertical wall attached with cotton hangings).

b) Subsistence

Hand lines.

Bottomfish jigs (max. 2 hooks per line/2 lines per fisher).

Baitfish jigs (3 treble or 9 single hooks max.).

Hand held dipnets (3 ft. max. diameter).

Rake.

TOPIC 6. SPECIAL RESTRICTION ON SET NETS

a) Areas 23C, 23D, 25A, 25B, 25C 27A, 27B: Open for Dogfish all year. No more than four dogfish nets may be used at one time. All other areas closed to Dogfish set net.

b) Areas 23A (west of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light), 23C, 23D, 29: Open for Pacific Cod all year. All other areas closed to Pacific Cod set net.

TOPIC 7. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON BEACH SEINE FISHING

a) Beach seine gear closed to harvesting surf perches from May 1 through August 31.

b) Species other than surf perches listed in Topic 1: Beach seine gear closed from May 1 through September 30.

TOPIC 8. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON FISHING WITH BOTTOMFISH TROLL GEAR

Troll gear may be used for the commercial harvest of species mentioned in Topic 1 with the following restrictions:

- a) Areas 23C and 29: Open all year.
- b) Areas 23A and 23B: Open May 1 through November 30, except Area 23A (west of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light) open for Pacific Cod, Pacific Tomcod, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Whiting (hake) all year.
- b) Area 23D: Closed May 1 through November 30, except open for Pacific Cod, Pacific Tomcod, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Whiting (hake) all year.

TOPIC 9. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON JIG (HANDLINE) GEAR AND BOTTOMFISH POTS

Jigs and pots may be used for the commercial harvest of species listed in Topic 1 only as follows:

- a) Areas 23C and 29: Open all year.
- b) Areas 23A (east of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light), 23B, 23D, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, 26A: Open May 1 through November 30, except Area 23A (west of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light) and Area 23D are open for Pacific Cod, Pacific Tomcod, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Whiting (hake) all year.
- c) Areas 27A and 27B: Closed May 1 through November 30.

TOPIC 10. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON SET LINES IN COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

Set lines may be used for the commercial harvest of species listed in Topic 1 only as follows:

- a) Areas 23C and 29: Open all year.
- b) Areas 23A, 23B, 23D, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, 26A: Open May 1 through November 30, except that Area 23A (west of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light) and Area 23D are open for Pacific Cod, Pacific Tomcod, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Whiting (hake) all year.
- c) Areas 20B and 22A: Opened by emergency regulation.
- d) Areas 27A, 27B: Closed.
- e) Area 23A (east of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light), 23B, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, 26A: Set lines set deeper than 150 ft must be set on soft bottom, sand, or mud substrates only, in waters deeper than 150 feet set lines prohibited on hard bottom, rocky, high relief, hardpan, and rugose substrates.

TOPIC 11. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON SPECIES IN COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

- a) Salmon, Trout and Sturgeon: All anadromous fish (salmon, trout, and sturgeon) when captured incidentally while fishing commercially for any of the species listed in Topic 1 must be released unharmed unless their retention is authorized by Tribal or Treaty Council regulations.
- b) Rockfish Species: Brown, Copper, Yelloweye, Bocaccio, Canary, and Quilback rockfish shall be released in good condition whenever possible, preferably using a descending device to return the fish to as close to capture depth as possible (except during a commercial halibut fishery opening all rockfish must be retained and recorded as take-home on a commercial fish ticket). If unharmed release is not possible, retention is permitted for subsistence purposes only and must be recorded as take-home on a commercial fish ticket. No commercial sale of these rockfish species.
- c) Starry Flounder: All Starry Flounder measuring less than 14" must be released unharmed.
- d) English Sole: All English Sole measuring less than 12" must be released unharmed.
- e) Pacific Halibut: All halibut must be released unharmed unless retention is authorized by PNPTC halibut regulations.
- f) Lingcod:

Lingcod measuring less than 26" must be released unharmed;

Area 29, Lingcod may be harvested commercially from March 10 through October 31;

Area 23C, Lingcod may be harvested commercially from April 1 through September 30 with a commercial landing limit of 300 pounds per day;

Areas 20B, 22A, 23A, 23B, 23D, 25A, 25C, 25E Lingcod may be harvested commercially from May 1 through August 31. All Lingcod captured at other times must be released unharmed. All Lingcod measuring more than 40" must be released unharmed (legal size range 26 – 40 inches). Limit of the first six (6) legal sized Lingcod landed per day (not including any catch retained for subsistence);

Areas 27A and 27B, Lingcod may not be harvested commercially. Incidentally caught Lingcod in these areas must be released unharmed. Subsistence harvest is covered by these regulations under Topic 13;

Refer to PNPTC halibut regulations for limits on commercial Lingcod bycatch during a commercial halibut fishery.

g) Pacific Cod, Pacific Tomcod, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Whiting (hake):

Areas 23A (west of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light), 23C, 23D, 29, Pacific Cod, Pacific Tomcod, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Whiting (hake) may be harvested commercially year-round;

Areas 23A (east of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light), 23B, 25A, Pacific Cod, Pacific Tomcod, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Whiting (hake) may be harvested commercially year-round with a daily landing limit of 200 pounds;

Areas 20B, 22A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, 26A, 27A, 27B no retention of Pacific Cod, Pacific Tomcod, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Whiting;

Refer to PNPTC halibut regulations for limits on commercial bycatch during a commercial halibut fishery opening.

- h) Six-Gill and Seven-Gill Sharks: No retention; Six-Gill and Seven-Gill sharks may not be removed from the water and must be released unharmed.
- i) Wolf-Eel: No retention.

TOPIC 12. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS FOR MARINE AND SHELLFISH PROTECTED AREAS

Area 22A: The San Juan Islands Marine Preserves are closed to commercial finfish harvest to protect marine fish production areas and to avoid disrupting long-term research projects.

- a) False Bay: The tidelands of False Bay on San Juan Island and the water 500 yards seaward of its entrance, beginning at a line bearing due south (180° true) from the east entrance of the bay (longitude 123 °04'00" W) to a line bearing due south from the west side of the small peninsula at the west entrance of the bay (longitude 123 °04'30" W). The tidelands extending 400 feet to the west of the entrance of the bay and 600 feet to the east of the entrance of the bay also remain closed.
- b) Point Caution: The shore of San Juan Island from near the Port of Friday Harbor to the vicinity of Point Caution to 500 yards seaward, beginning north of a line from the point of land (latitude 48°32'26.5" N, longitude 123 °00'53" W) between the port of Friday Harbor and Beaverton Cove (bearing 65° true) to Reid Rock buoy and ending east of a line perpendicular to the shore 500 yards west of Point Caution; to a distance of 500 yards offshore between these lines.
- c) Argyle Lagoon: The waters enclosed by the inner spit of Argyle Lagoon on San Juan Island.
- d) Yellow and Low Islands: The Tidelands and waters to 300 yards seaward around Yellow Island and the tide lands and waters to 300 yards seaward around Low Island (a small island south of Yellow Island).

- e) Southwest shore of Shaw Island: The area on the southwest shore of Shaw Island, beginning from a line south from Hicks Bay (longitude 122°58'15" W) continuing west and north to a line which bears 261° true from the marker on the shore of Parks Bay to Point Caution and which passes just south of the unnamed island at the north entrance of Parks Bay (latitude 48 °33'57" N, longitude 122°58'58" W).

TOPIC 13. IDENTIFICATION AND SALES

- a) Vessels and gear must be marked in accordance with Tribal Ordinances. All sales must be reported on commercial fish landing tickets or tribal roadside sales forms.
- b) All subsistence harvest taken while commercial fishing must be recorded as take-home on a commercial fish landing ticket or roadside sales reporting form, or (if using legal subsistence fishery gear and within subsistence limits) on a subsistence catch reporting card.

TOPIC 14. SUBSISTENCE HARVEST

- a) While subsistence harvesting, all fishers shall have a tribal subsistence catch reporting card and record all subsistence catches on the subsistence card.
- b) All Brown, Copper, Yelloweye, Bocaccio, Canary, and Quilback rockfish shall be released in good condition whenever possible, preferably using a descending device to return the fish to as close to capture depth as possible (except during a commercial halibut fishery opening all rockfish must be retained and recorded as take-home on a commercial fish ticket). If unharmed release is not possible, retention is permitted for subsistence purposes only, and must be recorded as such on a subsistence card or as take-home on a commercial fish ticket.
- c) Lingcod may be harvested for subsistence year-round in all areas; Lingcod measuring less than 22" must be released unharmed, except in Area 29 there is no minimum size for subsistence Lingcod.
- d) Subsistence harvest open year-round; daily total bag limit is **15 bottomfish** regardless of species (*i.e.* all species combined), subject to the individual bag limits and area restrictions listed in the table below:

AREA	RESTRICTIONS
29	Daily limit may include only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifteen (15) bottom fish total
23A, 23C, 23D	Daily limit may include only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) Lingcod • Two (2) Cabezon • Five (5) rockfish

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AREA	RESTRICTIONS
20B, 22A, 23B, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, 26A (within S’Klallam U&A areas)	Daily limit may include only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) Lingcod • Two (2) Cabezon • Five (5) rockfish • Ten (10) surf perches, Pacific Cod, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Tomcod, or Pacific Whiting (hake)
27A, 27B	Daily limit may include only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) Lingcod • Two (2) Cabezon • Five (5) rockfish • Ten (10) surf perches, Pacific Cod, Walleye Pollock, Pacific Tomcod, or Pacific Whiting (hake)

TOPIC 15. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

The regulations promulgated herein may be modified at any time by emergency regulations.

TOPIC 16. AUTHORITY

These in-common regulations are promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council under authority delegated by the member Tribes.



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