POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL

Port Gamble S'Klallam * Jamestown S'Klallam

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IN-COMMON
WINTER STEELHEAD REGULATIONS
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The following regulations are promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council under authority delegated by its member Tribes, and shall apply to commercial and subsistence fisheries for steelhead in the off-reservation areas outlined below:

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

TOPIC 1. MANAGEMENT AREAS

These regulations shall apply to the following off-reservation areas by Tribe:

A. Marine Areas

Areas 4B, 5, 6, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D (only Jamestown S'Klallam inshore of the exclusive harvest demarcation line), 7, 9, 12, 12A, 12B.

B. Freshwater Areas

Hoko R., Clallam R., Pysht R., Deep Crk, E. & W. Twin R., Salt Crk., Lyre R., Elwha R., Morse Crk., Dungeness R., Big Quilcene R., Dosewallips R., Duckabush R., and Hamma Hamma R.

TOPIC 2. LAWFUL GEAR

The following gear shall be lawful for steelhead fishery openings.

A. Marine Areas

a) Drift gillnets (min. mesh 5"; maximum length 333 fms (2000 ft); or as specified in in-season regulations).
b) Set gillnets (min. mesh 5"; maximum length 150 fms. (900 ft), except in Area 6D the maximum length is 100 fms (600 ft).).
c) Hook and line gear as specified in in-season regulations.

B. Rivers

a) Set gillnets (min. mesh 5"; max length 20 fms.).
b) Hook and line gear as specified in in-season regulations.

TOPIC 3. MANAGEMENT PERIODS

A. Marine Areas

Area 6D: November 29, 2026 through March 30, 2027

Other marine areas shall remain closed to fishing for steelhead; therefore no specific management periods are necessary. Marine area openings, near river mouths, shall be governed by the freshwater management period of the adjacent river.

B. Freshwater Areas

a) Strait of Juan de Fuca Rivers and streams mentioned in Topic 1.B (except Dungeness River): November 29, 2026 through April 15, 2027.
b) Dungeness River: December 6, 2026 through April 15, 2027.
c) Hood Canal Rivers (Hamma Hamma, Dosewallips, Duckabush, Big Quilcene, Union, Dewatto, and Tahuya rivers: November 29, 2026 through April 15, 2027.

SECTION II. COMMERCIAL FISHERY OPENINGS

TOPIC 1. MARINE AREAS

Area 6D, West of a line drawn from Dungeness Light to the junction of Sequim-Dungeness Way and 3-Crabs Rd. (former site of the 3 Crabs Restaurant).

Hook and line gear open from November 29, 2026 through February 28, 2027. Gillnets shall be opened by in-season emergency regulation(s).

Fishery in-season adjustments may be made based on inseason effort and catch assessment.

TOPIC 2. FRESHWATER AREAS

Hoko River, Clallam River, Pysht River, Lyre River, and Morse Creek may be opened by in-season regulation from November 29, 2026 through February 28, 2027; and Dungeness River may be opened by in-season regulation from December 6, 2026 through February 28, 2027.

Fishery openings shall be announced by emergency regulations based on in-season management considerations concerning the status of the stocks.

Fishery openings for these rivers may be modified by emergency regulations as necessary. All other salmon taken in hook and line fisheries must be released unharmed, unless separate regulations permit their harvest. Openings may occur prior to the start of

the management period in some areas, however, during any overlap, chum salmon management needs will be given priority.

SECTION III. SUBSISTENCE FISHERY OPENINGS

Subsistence steelhead fisheries under this regulation are authorized in all rivers listed in Section I. Fisheries for subsistence purposes under this regulation shall be permitted from 11/29/2026 through 3/15/2027. Subsistence openings for these rivers may be modified by emergency regulations as necessary.

Lawful gear shall be hook and line gear only. Net gear may be used for take home purposes only during commercial gillnet openings or by specially adopted in-season regulation.

SECTION IV. RESTRICTIONS

A. Manner of Fishing

a) When marine fisheries are authorized, no marine nets may be operated closer than 1,500 feet from the mouth of the Dungeness River or 1,000 feet from any other stream or river mouth.

b) Minimum distance between river sets (crosslines, if used) shall be 200 feet.

c) Maximum set net pocket depth shall be 5 fathoms.

d) Only one net may be fished by each fisher in any one river.

e) All nets must be checked and all catches removed at least once per day.

B. Possession Limits

a) During commercial hook and line fisheries in freshwater areas, no more than four steelhead may be caught or sold by any fisher on any given day when the river or stream is closed to commercial net gear fishing.

b) No more than four steelhead per day may be kept by a fisher for subsistence purposes from a river or stream that is closed to all commercial fishing.

c) Hood Canal rivers and streams, no more than two steelhead per day may be kept for subsistence purposes from a river or stream that is closed to all commercial fishing.

C. Area Specific Restrictions

a) Gillnets must be tended by fishers in 6D.

c) The Lyre River, from 250'downstream to 250' upstream of the Susie Creek confluence shall be closed to all fishing through 12/31 and all chum salmon caught in the Lyre River must be returned to the water unharmed.

SECTION V. EXPECTED EFFORT AND HARVEST

A. Estimates of expected effort and expected subsistence harvests are being submitted separately by each of the member tribes.

C. The Point No Point Treaty Council member Tribes intend to fully harvest their lawful share of steelhead salmon.

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