



# Point No Point Treaty Council

Port Gamble S'Klallam • Jamestown S'Klallam

## 2023-2024 POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL ANNUAL IN-COMMON SHRIMP REGULATION #S23-024

April 7, 2023

The following regulation is promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council and shall govern the conduct of off-reservation commercial and subsistence fisheries for shrimp by the Port Gamble S'Klallam and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes (PNPTC Member Tribes). The term of this regulation is from March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024. This regulation is intended to comply with provisions of the Pandalid Shrimp Harvest Management Plans for Catch Management Region 1 (North Puget Sound), Catch Management Region 2 West (Admiralty Inlet), Catch Management Region 3 (Strait of Juan de Fuca) and Catch Management Region 5 (Hood Canal) for the 2023-2024 season. In the event one or more of these Puget Sound Shrimp Plans are not completed before the projected start of tribal fisheries for the shrimp in the management region in question, 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 These emergency regulations will be subsequently superceded when the appropriate Puget Sound Shrimp Plan is finalized. Ceremonial and on-reservation fisheries shall be conducted under the provisions of individual Tribal Fisheries Ordinances and Regulations. All areas not specifically opened by these regulations shall remain closed to the harvest of shrimp. Only gear and methods specifically authorized by these regulations may be legally used.

### 1. Species

Spot shrimp (*Pandalus platyceros*)  
Coonstripe shrimp (*Pandalus danae*)  
Pink shrimp (*Pandalus borealis*)  
Smooth pink shrimp (*Pandalus jordani*)  
Humpback shrimp (*Pandalus hypsinotus*)  
Sidestripe shrimp (*Pandalopsis dispar*)

### 2. Fishing Areas

A. For the Jamestown S'Klallam and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribes: 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 (all S'Klallam U&A within that portion of area 26A, south and west of Possession Point on Whidbey Island), 27A, 27B (north of an east-west line from Ayock Pt.), 29.

- B. The northern boundary of Catch Area 23A is modified to include a portion of Catch Area 22A as follows: Those waters southerly of a line due east from the international boundary to Lime Kiln Point light on San Juan Island, then south along the shoreline of San Juan Island from Lime Kiln Point to Cattle Point, thence to Davis Point on Lopez Island and continuing along the shoreline to Point Colville. Additionally, for shrimp pot fisheries Catch Area 23A is further subdivided into an east, a west, a central, and a south sub-area as follows:

Sub-Area 23A (east): those waters of Catch Area 23A and the described portion of 22A north of a line projected 48.22.50°N latitude and east of a line projected 122.57°W longitude;

Sub-Area 23A (west): those waters of Catch Area 23A and the described portion of 22A north of a line projected 48.22.50°N latitude and west of a line projected 122.57°W longitude;

Sub-Area 23A (central): those waters of Catch Area 23A south of a line projected 48.22.50°N latitude and east of a line projected 335 degrees true from the Dungeness lighthouse.

Sub-Area 23A (south): those waters of Catch Area 23A west of a line projected 335 degrees true from the Dungeness lighthouse.

For shrimp trawl fisheries, Catch Area 23A and the described portion of 22A is further subdivided into an east and west sub-area as follows:

Sub-Area 23A (east): those waters of Catch Area 23A east of a line drawn true north from the Dungeness lighthouse;

Sub-Area 23A (west): those waters of Catch Area 23A west of a line drawn true north from the Dungeness lighthouse.

- C. Catch Areas 20B and 22A are combined into Area 1A and Area 1B as follows:

Area 1A: Area 1A includes all waters of catch area 20B west of a line from Point Doughty on Orcas Island to the bell buoy at the international boundary, and all waters of catch area 22A west of a

line projected true north and south from the western tip of Crane Island, west of a line projected from the number 2 buoy at the entrance to Fisherman Bay to the southern tip of Shaw Island.

Area 1B: Area 1B includes all waters of catch areas 20B east of a line from Point Doughty on Orcas Island to the bell buoy at the international boundary, and all waters of catch area 22A east of a line projected true north and south from the western tip of Crane Island, east of a line projected from the number 2 buoy at the entrance to Fisherman Bay to the southern tip of Shaw Island, and east of a line projected true south from Point Colville.

### **3. Open Areas and Fishing Periods**

#### **A. Commercial and Subsistence Spot Shrimp Pot Fishery Seasons**

1. The commercial and subsistence spot shrimp fishery season for Catch Management Regions 1 (North Sound), 2 West (Admiralty Inlet) and 3 (Strait) extends from April 15 through September 15, 2023. The commercial and subsistence spot shrimp pot fishery season in Catch Management Region 5 (Hood Canal) extends from April 15 through August 31, 2023. For certain Catch Management Regions, specific Catch Areas may open sooner or close later according to the provisions of Subsection 3.E. Actual commercial and subsistence fishery openings and closures will be announced by emergency regulation.
2. Setting and pulling shrimp pots is permitted from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset daily.
3. Subsistence: The maximum daily limit is 20 pounds per fisher.

#### **B. Commercial and Subsistence Non-Spot Shrimp Pot Fishery Seasons**

1. The commercial and subsistence pot fishery seasons for shrimp other than spot shrimp begin May 1 and extend through October 15, 2023 in all areas except Region 5. Actual fishery openings and closures will be announced by emergency regulation.
2. Setting and pulling of shrimp pots is permitted from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset daily.
3. No spot shrimp shall be retained during a commercial non-spot shrimp opening.

#### **C. Shrimp Trawl Fishery Seasons**

1. The trawl fishery season in waters deeper than 100 feet in catch areas 20B and 22A begins as follows and extends through October 15, 2023. Actual fishery openings and closures will be announced by emergency regulation. Exceptions to the general season are as follows:
  - a. Those waters of Catch Area 21A north and west of a line from the southern tip of Sinclair Island (48.6097°, -122.6572°) to Carter Point (48.6404°, -122.6088°) on Lummi Island open on July 1.
  - b. Those waters of Lopez Sound within 1B that are south of a line projected true east-west from the northern tip of Trump Island (48.5064°, -122.8369°) open on July 10.
  - c. The remaining portions of 1B not described above may open May 1 if trawl catches are sampled by a technician within four days of commencement of fishing. A minimum of three tows must be sampled. If the mean weight of all Dungeness crab does not exceed 4% of the total catch per tow, then the area will remain open without further testing (note that only pandalid shrimp and Dungeness crab are included in the total catch weight). If the Dungeness crab by-catch limit is exceeded, then the fishery in that area is delayed until May 25 and testing is repeated. If the by-catch limit is exceeded a second time, the area will remain closed until June 16.
2. The trawl fishery season in waters deeper than 100 feet in catch areas 23A, 23B, 23C, 25A, and 29 begins May 1 and extends through September 30, 2023. During any week of the Tribal fishery, one to three days catch of pink shrimp may be sampled, collecting the count per pound and the percent ovigery. Five one-pound samples will be required from each day's catch for this testing. If these combined samples show a count per pound in excess of 160 shrimp or an ovigery rate greater than 2%, additional sampling will be devised for the remainder of the season.
3. Trawl fisheries are **closed** in those areas listed in section 4 below.

#### D. South Lopez Sound Management Area

The commercial trawl season for the South Lopez Sound Management Area (a portion of catch area 22A south of a line projected east and west from the northern tip of Trump Island) is open from July 10 through October 15, or until harvest shares are taken, whichever comes first.

Actual fishery openings and closures will be announced by emergency regulation.

#### E. Early and Late Spot Shrimp Fishery Openings

Individual areas (Catch or Quota Areas, depending on the Region) may open to spot shrimp harvest by any party before April 15th if test fishing indicates that less than three percent (< 3.0%) of spot shrimp with a carapace length of 34 mm or larger are ovigerous. A combined minimum of 300 randomly sampled spot shrimp with a carapace length of 34 mm or larger will be collected proportionally, whenever possible, from two spatially-distinct sampling locations (Catch or Quota Areas, depending on the Region) representative of distinct shrimp beds or separated by a minimum distance of 1,600 meters (~1 mile), unless otherwise agreed. From these 300 randomly sampled spot shrimp, carapace length, sex, and egg status data will be collected. A shrimp shall be considered non-ovigerous if it has dropped nearly all of its eggs and those few still attached are eyed eggs. A fishery biologist and/or technician that does not commercially fish for shrimp must be present when pots are pulled, for the test to be considered valid. Ovigery sampling plans will be shared with all affected parties at least two working days prior to sampling, and the results will be shared with all affected parties at least two working days prior to an early opening. Areas opened under these conditions will be by emergency regulation, and will remain open through the end of the designated fishing period or until harvest shares are reached, whichever comes first.

Spot shrimp fisheries may be conducted after the designated end of the fishing season in Regions 3 and 5 if sampled for percent ovigery in a manner similar to the ovigery testing procedure summarized above, with the following modifications:

1. Region 3
  - a. In order to open or remain open after September 15, random samples from at least two commercial landings within each Catch Area, with a combined minimum of approximately 300 spot shrimp having a carapace length of 34 mm or larger, are required;
  - b. Samples should be collected weekly throughout the duration of the fishery. If percent ovigery exceeds three percent of spot shrimp sampled, the fishery will be closed.
2. Region 5
  - a. In order to open after August 31, the same procedures for early opening outlined above must be followed.

- b. Samples should be collected weekly throughout the duration of the fishery. If percent ovigery exceeds three percent of spot shrimp sampled, the fishery will be closed.
- c. No fishery may remain open after September 15.

#### F. Early and Late Non-Spot Shrimp Fishery Openings

Individual areas in Regions 1 and 3 may open to non-spot shrimp harvest by any party before May 1st if test fishing indicates that less than three percent (< 3.0%) of spot shrimp with a carapace length of 18 mm or larger are ovigerous. A combined minimum of 300 randomly sampled spot shrimp with a carapace length of 18 mm or larger will be collected proportionally, whenever possible, from two spatially-distinct sampling locations representative of distinct shrimp beds or separated by a minimum distance of 1,600 meters (~1 mile), unless otherwise agreed. A fishery biologist and/or technician that does not commercially fish for shrimp must be present when pots are pulled, for the test to be considered valid. Ovigery sampling plans will be shared with all affected parties at least two working days prior to sampling, and the results will be shared with all affected parties at least two working days prior to an early opening. Areas opened under these conditions will be by emergency regulation, and will remain open through the end of the designated fishing period or until harvest shares are reached, whichever comes first.

Non Spot shrimp fisheries may be conducted after the designated end of the fishing season in Regions 1 and 3 if sampled for percent ovigery in a manner similar to the ovigery testing procedure summarized for Spot shrimp above, with the following modifications:

1. In order to open or remain open after October 15, random samples from at least two commercial landings within each Catch Area, with a combined minimum of approximately 300 spot shrimp having a carapace length of 18 mm or larger, are required;
2. Samples should be collected weekly throughout the duration of the fishery. If percent ovigery exceeds three percent of spot shrimp sampled, the fishery will be closed.

#### 4. Closed Areas

A. The following areas will remain closed to all shrimp harvest:

1. San Juan Island Marine Preserves:

False Bay: The waters of False Bay beginning at a marker 400 feet east of the east entrance of False Bay and extending to the entrance of False Bay. All University of Washington bedlands beginning at the U of W marker on

the shore at the east entrance of False Bay, projected 500 yards offshore, then northwesterly to a point 500 yards offshore along a line projected from a University of Washington marker on the shore at the west side of a small peninsula at the west entrance of False Bay, then to shore along the line to the marker, and all University of Washington-owned tidelands west of the marker to a University of Washington marker 600' west of the small peninsula.

Friday Harbor: Bedlands beginning 500 yards north of Point Caution, then 500 yards offshore, then south and east following the shoreline to the intersection with a line projected from a University of Washington marker located 100' north of the north entrance of the floating breakwater of the Port of Friday Harbor and projected towards Reid Island, then along the shore of San Juan Island.

Argyle Lagoon: Those University of Washington owned bedlands enclosed by the inner spit of Argyle Lagoon on San Juan Island.

Yellow and Low Islands: All bedlands within 300 yards of Yellow Island and 300 yards of Low Island.

Shaw Island: Those bedlands within a line beginning at a University of Washington marker on the shore at Hicks Bay, 122 degrees, 58', 15" west longitude, then due south 500 yards, then north and west at a distance of 500 yards from shore to the intersection with a line projected 261 degrees true from a University of Washington marker on the shore of Parks Bay, then along the line to shore of Shaw Island, including all tidelands and bedlands of Parks Bay south of the line.

- B. The following areas will remain closed to spot shrimp harvest only:
1. Port Angeles Harbor: Enclosed waters west of a line from the Rayonier Mill site to the buoy at Ediz Hook.
- C. The following areas will remain closed to trawl fishing:
1. Shrimp District 1: (Protection Island, Discovery Bay) Waters south of a line from McCurdy Point on the Quimper Peninsula to the northern tip of Protection Island then to Rocky Point on the Miller Peninsula, and all waters of Discovery Bay.
  2. Sequim Bay
  3. Catch Areas 23D, 25B, 25C, 25D, 26A, 27A, 27B.

## 5. Gear Limitations

A. Legal gear includes shrimp pots, ring nets, hand dip nets, beam trawls and otter trawls. Each operator is permitted to operate one vessel per day. Shrimp pots registered to a particular vessel must be set and pulled by that vessel, unless otherwise approved by the respective tribal fisheries office.

### B. Shrimp Pot Design Requirements

1. Maximum size for a single shrimp pot cannot exceed 12 1/2 feet in perimeter, and cannot exceed 13 cubic feet in volume.
2. The minimum mesh size for shrimp pots and ring nets will be 1 inch, unless a different mesh size requirement is provided in emergency regulations. A 1 inch minimum mesh size implies that 1 inch is the minimum mesh size on the bottom, sides and top of each pot, and must freely permit the passage of a 7/8 inch square peg through each mesh opening without changing the shape of the opening, except for flexible (web) mesh pots where the mesh must be a minimum of 1 3/4 inch stretch measure. There is no minimum mesh size for the entry tunnels, but tunnels must be located on the sides of the pots only. The sum of the maximum widths of all entrance tunnels must not exceed 1/2 the perimeter of the bottom of the pot.
3. Pots must be equipped with a biodegradable escape device that consists of one of the following:
  - a. Attachment of the pot lid hooks or tie-down straps with a single loop of untreated cotton cord or other natural fiber no larger than thread size 120 so the pot lid will open freely if the cord or fiber is broken, or
  - b. An opening in the pot mesh not less than three inches by five inches which is laced or sewn closed with untreated cotton twine or other natural fiber no larger than thread size 120. The opening must be located within the top half of the pot and be unimpeded by the entry tunnels, bait boxes or any other materials.

### C. Shrimp Gear Limitations

1. Commercial and Subsistence Pot Gear:
  - a. The maximum total number of pots and/or ring nets combined per vessel in all areas of North Sound, the Strait (except Discovery Bay), and Admiralty Inlet is 100 pots, unless otherwise provided in emergency regulations.



- b. The maximum total number of pots and/or ring nets combined per vessel in all areas of Hood Canal is 25 pots, unless otherwise provided in emergency regulations.
- c. The maximum total number of pots and ring nets combined per vessel in Discovery Bay is 10 pots, unless otherwise provided in emergency regulations.
- d. In Region 2 West, the non-spot commercial and subsistence fisheries will have a maximum gear depth restriction of 150 feet when the spot shrimp fishing season is closed.

D. Buoy Use Requirements

All pots and ring nets shall have buoys attached. Buoys attached to gear used for either subsistence or commercial purposes shall be colored any color except yellow or a combination of red and white. Buoys must remain floating on the water's surface except during extreme tidal conditions.

Each buoy shall be conspicuously marked with the initials of the fisher's Tribe (PG for Port Gamble and J for Jamestown) followed by the Tribal Identification Card number of the fisher operating the gear. The buoy shall also be marked with the number of pots attached. Each buoy shall be marked in such a way that the fisher, tribal affiliation and number of attached pots can be identified without removing the gear from the water.

All buoys shall be constructed of durable material excluding plastic or metal bottles and other containers, and shall remain floating on the water's surface when at least 5 pounds of weight are attached. The buoy line shall be weighted to keep the buoy line from floating.

E. Beam Trawl and Otter Trawl Gear Design and Restrictions

- 1. Shrimp otter trawl gear is defined as a semi-balloon four-seam style off bottom trawl, with breast lines not to exceed five feet. Fishing line (foot rope) maximum length is 120 feet, fitted with adjustable drop chains and designed to fish 8-10 inches off bottom. The maximum fishing line to head rope height is 15 feet. Shrimp beam trawl gear is defined as a bag-shaped trawl net utilizing a beam to spread the mouth of the net horizontally as it is towed and not having weighted otter frames or otter doors.
- 2. The cod end of all trawl nets must have a minimum stretch mesh size of 1.5 inches or larger. Minimum trawl mesh size requirements are met

if a wedge of legal size can be passed without undue force through sixteen of twenty sets of two meshes each in the cod end.

3. The maximum beam trawl width is 60 feet in Catch Management Region 3 (Strait of Juan de Fuca) and 25 feet in all other areas. A maximum shrimp otter trawl footrope length of 120 feet will be in effect in all areas. The inclusion of a “grate or grill style” bycatch reduction device (BRD) on trawl net gear has proven effective in reducing overall bycatch in the fishery. Trawl gear equipped with BRDs is encouraged.
4. Spot shrimp may not be fished for or retained using trawl gear.
5. All pandalid shrimp harvested, excluding spot shrimp and pink shrimp with a count per pound of 160 or greater, must be retained for sale.
6. Trawling will be subject to on board observations conducted according to the recommendations of Tribal technical staff.
  - a. The Tribes will provide onboard observers for trawl fishery trips conducted in Region 3, Catch Area 25A for each vessel participating. The percentage of trips requiring onboard observers will be based on the inclusion or exclusion of bycatch reduction device (BRD) on the trawl gear. Vessels using trawl gear with BRDs are required to have 10% overall observer coverage. Vessels using trawl gear without BRDs are required to have 20% observer coverage for the vessel until 50,000 pounds are landed by the vessel and then 10% coverage for the remainder of the harvest season.
  - b. On observed trips, Pandalid shrimp bycatch will be quantified and species composition samples will be taken from each tow, and a mean spot shrimp percentage (by weight) will be calculated for each vessel trip. Observers will be adequately trained in scientifically based onboard observer techniques and not a paid member of the vessel crew.

## **6. Expected Harvest**

During the term of this regulation, harvest will not exceed the aggregate tribal fishery quota for each Region and management area, as stipulated in the Pandalid Shrimp Harvest Management Plans for Region 1, Region 2 West, Region 3 and Region 5 for the 2023-2024 season. Specific sub-area harvest limits will be stipulated in emergency regulations.

- A. The 2023 Tribal and State shrimp trawl fisheries in Region 3, Catch Area 25A will have a maximum allowable spot shrimp bycatch of 6,000 pounds (3,000 pounds for each Party). If the maximum spot shrimp bycatch is reached in the Tribal trawl fishery, the fishery will close for the remainder of the season in this Catch Area. A 100 percent mortality rate will be assumed as the estimated spot shrimp bycatch mortality rate for vessels using large trawl nets (26 - 60 feet wide), and a 20 percent mortality rate will be assumed as the estimated spot shrimp bycatch mortality rate for vessels using small trawl nets (< 26 feet wide).

## **7. Fishery Registration**

Prior to participating in any commercial and/or subsistence shrimp fishery covered by these regulations, all fishers must register at their respective tribal fisheries office. At the time of registering, fishers must report the boat number being used, the number of shrimp pots to be used (up to the maximum allowed) and their intended off-load sites, provided that this provision may be waived by their respective Tribal Fishery Manager.

## **8. Harvest Reporting**

All tribal shrimp harvesters, both commercial and subsistence, must provide daily harvest information to their respective tribal fisheries office. Commercial harvest information can be reported either by a telephone call within 24 hours of each harvest, by reporting directly to Tribal monitors at established landing sites, or by mailing/delivering daily harvest logs the first Wednesday of each month provided that Fishery Managers may request more frequent reporting as tribal allocations near completion. Any harvest towards an individual fisher quota (IFQ) must be reported following the completion of the opening or when the IFQ is met, whichever comes first. Jamestown subsistence harvests must be reported on Shellfish Subsistence Catch Reporting Cards and returned to the Tribal Fisheries Office by December 31. Port Gamble subsistence harvest requires a permit and harvest must be reported to the Tribal Fisheries Office by phone within 24 hours of the subsistence permit's expiration.

Commercial pot harvest information shall include the following: date, vessel name or boat registration, number of pots, pot soak times, Catch Area, location fished (nearest landmark or bay), pounds landed by species and total pounds landed. Trawl harvest information shall include the following for each day fished: date, vessel name or boat registration, trawl width, Catch Area, location fished (including latitude and longitude or a geographic landmark at the beginning and end of each tow), tow speed, duration of tow, pounds landed by species and total pounds landed. All commercial and take home catches shall also be reported on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets as specified in Tribal Fisheries Ordinances. All commercial shrimp pot landings must be recorded on receiving tickets as

whole weight. All lost pots must be reported to respective Fisheries Enforcement Office within one working day from the close of the fishery.

Harvest logs are available at the Tribal fisheries offices and at the Point No Point Treaty Council office.

**9. Product Sales**

All commercial shrimp sales intended for resale must be made to tribally-approved buyers who have filled out a Buyer's Agreement with either the Port Gamble or Jamestown Tribes. This will be particularly important in the event of an emergency recall of shellfish. Tribal members can obtain a list of approved buyers from their Fisheries Office. Any sale intended for resale to a non-approved buyer will be a violation of this regulation.

Roadside sales are commercial sales made to individuals for the purpose of personal consumption and not for resale. Roadside sales are allowed by the Port Gamble Tribe only. Any roadside sales are subject to the following restrictions:

- A. All roadside sales must be made within 72 hours of the fishery closing.
- B. All roadside sales must be reported to the Port Gamble fisheries office no later than three days after the date of sale.

**10. Emergency Regulations**

The above regulations may be amended at any time by emergency regulations.

**11. Authority**

The above in-common regulations are promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council under the authority delegated by the member tribes.



---

Austin Paul, Sub-tidal Shellfish Program Manager  
Point No Point Treaty Council