

FILING ORGANIZATION: POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL

REGULATION NUMBER: #S23-171

DATE ADOPTED: OCTOBER 17, 2023

REGULATION MODIFIED NONE

REGULATION SUPERCEDED: #S23-160

CATCH AREAS: DISTRICT 1, (SAN JUAN ISLANDS) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 20B, 22A, THAT PORTION OF 20A SOUTH AND WEST OF A LINE BETWEEN TOE POINT ON PATOS ISLAND AND POINT MIGLEY ON LUMMI ISLAND, THAT PORTION OF 21A SOUTH AND WEST OF LUMMI ISLAND AND A LINE RUNNING BETWEEN CARTER POINT ON LUMMI ISLAND AND THE NORTHERN TIP OF VENDOVI ISLAND, AND THAT PORTION OF 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 KELLYS POINT ON GUEMES ISLAND;

DISTRICT 2, (ADMIRALTY INLET AREA) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 23B, 25A, 25B;

DISTRICT 3, (PORT ANGELES AREA) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREAS 23A, 23C (EAST OF LOW POINT), 23D;

DISTRICT 4, (SEKIU AREA) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREA 23C (WEST OF LOW POINT);

DISTRICT 5, (NEAH BAY AREA) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREA 29;

DISTRICT 6, (CENTRAL PUGET SOUND) MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH CATCH MANAGEMENT AREA 26A SOUTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTHERN TIP OF POSSESSION POINT ON WHIDBEY ISLAND.

FISHERY TYPE: COMMERCIAL

SPECIES: RED SEA URCHINS (*Mesocentrotus franciscanus*),
GREEN SEA URCHINS (*Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis*)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: OFF

EFFECTIVE DATES: OCTOBER 3, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024

DAYS/HOURS:

1. RED URCHINS

- a. FOR DISTRICT 1 (SAN JUAN ISLANDS): CLOSED
- b. FOR DISTRICT 2 (ADMIRALTY INLET AREA): CLOSED
- c. FOR DISTRICT 3 (PORT ANGELES AREA): CLOSED
- d. FOR DISTRICT 4 (SEKIU AREA): CLOSED
- e. DISTRICT 5 (NEAH BAY AREA) WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR HARVEST DURING THE 2023-2024 SEASON.

2. GREEN URCHINS

- a. FOR DISTRICT 1 (SAN JUAN ISLANDS):
 - i. OPEN DAILY BEGINNING 7:00 AM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023; CLOSE 5:00 PM SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024, OR UNTIL THE TRIBAL SHARE IS TAKEN, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
- b. FOR DISTRICT 2 (ADMIRALTY INLET AREA): CLOSED
- c. FOR DISTRICT 3 & 4 (PORT ANGELES AND SEKIU AREA):
 - i. OPEN DAILY BEGINNING 8:00 AM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023; CLOSE 5:00 PM SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024, OR UNTIL THE TRIBAL SHARE IS TAKEN, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
- d. DISTRICT 5 (NEAH BAY AREA) WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR HARVEST DURING THE 2023-2024 SEASON.
- e. DISTRICT 6 (CENTRAL PUGET SOUND): CLOSED.

LEGAL GEAR:

- 1. HARVEST EQUIPMENT IS RESTRICTED TO INDIVIDUAL HARVEST BY HAND. DIVERS MAY HARVEST SEA URCHINS USING SURFACE SUPPLIED AIR OR SCUBA.
- 2. ALL TRIBAL DIVERS AND DIVER VESSELS SHALL ADHERE TO OSHA COMMERCIAL DIVING OPERATION STANDARDS.

HARVEST RESTRICTIONS:

SIZE LIMITS FOR SEA URCHIN HARVEST ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THE MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS FOR RED SEA URCHINS IS 3.25 INCHES, AND THE MAXIMUM SIZE LIMIT IS 5.0 INCHES, BOTH MEASUREMENTS EXCLUSIVE OF THE SPINES.
- 2. THE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR GREEN SEA URCHINS IS 2.25 INCHES, EXCLUSIVE OF THE SPINES. THERE IS NO MAXIMUM SIZE LIMIT.

CLOSED ZONES:

URCHIN HARVEST IS NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING RESEARCH/MANAGEMENT AREAS:

- 1. THOSE WATERS OF SAN JUAN CHANNEL AND UPRIGHT CHANNEL WITHIN THE FOLLOWING LINES: NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE FROM THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF TURN ISLAND TO FLAT POINT ON LOPEZ ISLAND AND THENCE PROJECTED FROM FLAT POINT TRUE WEST TO SHAW ISLAND, NORTH OF A LINE PROJECTED FROM THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF TURN ISLAND TRUE WEST TO SAN JUAN ISLAND, WEST OF A LINE FROM NECK POINT ON

- SHAW ISLAND TO STEEP POINT ON ORCAS ISLAND, AND SOUTH OF A LINE FROM STEEP POINT ON ORCAS ISLAND TO LIMESTONE POINT ON SAN JUAN ISLAND.
2. THOSE WATERS OF HARO STRAIT NORTH OF A LINE PROJECTED TRUE WEST FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST POINT OF CATTLE POINT ON SAN JUAN ISLAND TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER AND SOUTH OF A LINE PROJECTED DUE WEST FROM A POINT ONE-QUARTER MILE NORTH OF LIME KILN LIGHT ON SAN JUAN ISLAND TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER.
 3. ARGYLE LAGOON: THOSE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON-OWNED TIDELANDS AND ALL BEDLANDS ENCLOSED BY THE INNER SPIT OF ARGYLE LAGOON ON SAN JUAN ISLAND.
 4. THOSE WATERS WITHIN ONE-QUARTER MILE OF TATOOSH ISLAND AT 0.0 TIDE HEIGHT.
 5. THOSE WATERS OF THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA IN THE VICINITY OF LOW POINT WEST OF A LINE PROJECTED TRUE NORTH FROM THE SHORELINE AT 123 DEGREES 48.3 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER, AND EAST OF A LINE PROJECTED TRUE NORTH FROM THE SHORELINE AT 123 DEGREES 52.7 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

1. ALL COMMERCIAL HARVESTERS MUST REGISTER AT THEIR RESPECTIVE TRIBAL FISHERIES OFFICE PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN THE FISHERY.
2. ALL COMMERCIAL SEA URCHIN SALES MUST BE MADE TO TRIBALLY APPROVED BUYERS WHO HAVE FILLED OUT A BUYER'S AGREEMENT WITH EITHER THE PORT GAMBLE OR JAMESTOWN TRIBE.
3. FISHERS MUST ADHERE TO ANY TRIBAL SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS WHILE AT THE BOAT LAUNCH AND ON THE WATER.

CATCH REPORTING:

1. ALL CATCH MUST BE REPORTED TO THE FISHERIES OFFICE BY PHONE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF HARVEST OR BY MAILING/DELIVERING DAILY HARVEST LOGS TO THE FISHERIES OFFICE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.
2. DAILY HARVEST INFORMATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
 - a. DATE OF HARVEST
 - b. VESSEL NAME OR BOAT REGISTRATION NUMBER
 - c. LOCATION FISHED
 - d. POUNDS LANDED
 - e. AVERAGE DEPTH OF HARVEST
 - f. NUMBER OF DIVERS
 - g. TOTAL DIVER HOURS
3. ALL COMMERCIAL AND COMMERCIAL TAKE HOME CATCHES SHALL BE REPORTED ON TREATY INDIAN FISH RECEIVING TICKETS.
4. JAMESTOWN TRIBAL BUYERS MUST RETURN COMPLETED FISH TICKETS INTO JAMESTOWN'S FISHERIES OFFICE NO LATER THAN 6 DAYS FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL HARVEST.

JUSTIFICATION:

CONTINUE TREATY HARVEST OF AVAILABLE SEA URCHINS. THIS REGULATION OPENS DISTRICTS 3 AND 4 TO GREEN URCHIN HARVEST BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 18, 2023.