

**AMENDMENT (June 27, 2025) to the  
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE  
2025-2026 ANNUAL GEODUCK REGULATION**

This June 27th, 2025 amendment to the Squaxin Island Tribe 2025-26 Annual Geoduck Regulation and replaces Exhibit A in its entirety.

**Exhibit A: Allocation**

Divers shall be designated by the Department as to the type (Existing and New) and stage of phase-out (phase 2022, 2023 etc.).

**Existing IDQ Holders.**

An Existing IDQ Holder will be allocated an initial 500 lbs. The Existing IDQ Holder must harvest the 500 lbs. without spousal or other assistance before July 16, 2025. All harvest, including the initial 500 lbs., must be certified by the captain of the day and the monitor as being harvested by the Existing IDQ Holder without assistance.

**Applicant New IDQ Holder.**

An Applicant to be a New IDQ Holder will be allocated a provisional IDQ of 750 lbs. The Applicant must coordinate with boat owners to harvest this provisional IDQ without spousal or other assistance between April 1, 2025, and July 16, 2025, as proof of capacity and as a prerequisite to receiving an additional allocation as a New 2025 Diver. Provided, the Applicant must log 6 tender days prior to any harvest. The log days must be certified by the captain of the day. All harvest, including the provisional IDQ, must be certified by the captain of the day and the monitor as being harvested by the Applicant without assistance.

An individual who has passed all requirements of § 4, and has successfully certified harvesting the provisional IDQ prior to July 16, 2025, will be designated a New IDQ Holder and receive an additional allocation of up to 500 lbs., for a total of up to 1,250 lbs.

To be eligible for an IDQ in 2025 an Applicant must sign up with the Department no later than March 31, 2025.

An Applicant must satisfy all prerequisites (§ 4(a) (b) (c) (d) and (e)) by April 1, 2025.

**Allocation.**

For 2025-2026, the geoduck resource shall be allocated as follows:

Initially, 500 lbs. per Existing IDQ Holder and 750 lbs. per New Applicants. On or after July 16, 2025, allocating the available biomass (estimated to be 3,500 lbs. per Existing IDQ Holder and 1,250 lbs. per New IDQ Holders).

- Existing IDQ holders: Equally 3,500lbs. each (based on 50 divers)

- Phase out:
  - Year 2 - 3,250 lbs. each (2 divers – 2024 phase out start)
  - Year 3 – 3,250 lbs each (4 divers – 2023 phase out start)
  - Year 4 – 3,250 lbs each (11 divers – 2022 phase out start)
  
- New IDQ Holders in 2025-26 will share 7,500 pounds with an initial provisional IDQ of 750 pounds to test on. Once they pass the dive test, they will be allocated up to an additional 500 pounds with a maximum allocation of 1,250 pounds. The unallocated balance of these pounds will be redistributed to Existing IDQ holders equally.

**Phase out program:**

An IDQ Holder may elect to phase-out of the fishery. An IDQ Holder that elects to phase out of the fishery will be entitled to one year for each year that he or she participated in the fishery up to 5 years.

A phase out, elected in the 22-23 or subsequent years, shall be a maximum of 5 years and the allocation shall be reduced by 250 lbs. per year in years 2-5. For the 22-23 phase out, the first of five years is equal to the 22-23 IDQ, and, in each of the 4 subsequent years, the phase out is equal to the current season IDQ minus 250 pounds, and further potential reduction if harvester used Temporary Medical assistance. All pounds harvested after March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, under Temporary Medical Assistance will be subtracted from the end of the phase out period, which will potentially reduce the number of phase out years available.

**Reallocation:**

On July 16, 2025, New Divers will share in any remaining new diver pounds among the successful New Divers up to 1,250 pounds each for 2025-26.

All pounds not fully vested by July 16, 2025, shall be allocated equally among the fully vested Existing IDQ Holders.

Prior to the last 12 weeks of the fishery, on a date and time determined by the Department, the Committee shall meet to evaluate the remaining TAC to be harvested. For any reallocation the remaining TAC shall be re-allocated equally amongst Existing and New IDQ Holders excluding Phase-Out Divers.

Prior to the last 6 weeks of the fishery, on a date and time determined by a meeting with the Department and Committee, with a recommendation to Tribal Council, will evaluate whether to continue the fishery. The time, place, and manner of harvest in the last 2 weeks shall be approved by Tribal Council, after receiving the recommendation of the Aquatic Committee. If the Committee fails to make a recommendation and/or the Council does not approve the time, place, and manner of harvest for the last 2 weeks, no fishery will take place.

## Authorized Signatures

Adopted June 26, 2025, by Tribal Council.

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