

**Squaxin Island Tribe
Crab Regulation # 2026-01**

The following regulation is promulgated by the Squaxin Island Tribe. This fishery shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Federal district court order U.S v Washington CV9213 Subproceeding 89-3.

DATE ADOPTED: June 9, 2025

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 12, 2025

CATCH AREAS: Shellfish catch reporting area 28B, 28C, 28D, and 28A

DATES/TIMES: June 12 2026 through March 1, 2027 from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

FISHERY TYPE: Subsistence

SPECIES: Dungeness crab (*Cancer magister*)
Red Rock Crab (*Cancer productus*)

ESTIMATED HARVEST: No more than 1,000 pounds for Dungeness Crab
No more than 1,000 pounds for Red Rock Crab
No more than 10 of each species per harvester per harvest day

LEGAL GEAR:

- Pots, rings and hand-operated instruments that do not penetrate the shell are the only legal gear.
- Up to 5 pots or rings per harvester
- All pot gear must be equipped with the following:
 - two escape rings not less than 4.25 inches inside diameter. Escape rings must be located on the top half of the pot.
 - 3-inch by 5-inch biodegradable cord panel (natural fiber, maximum thread size 120) or a biodegradable loop attached to the pot lid hook
 - Each pot or string of pots (longline) must be attached to a surface buoy that is capable of floating a 5-pound weight. Buoys attached to gear used for commercial fishing can be any color or color combination except half red and half white. Buoys shall be conspicuously marked with the harvesters fishing identification number preceded by the letters SXN

OTHER PROVISIONS:

- Only male Dungeness crab 6.25 inches or greater and for Red rock crab of either sex is 5 inches may be harvested. Minimum size is measured using a caliper across the back at the widest part of the shell immediately in front of, but not including the outside of the tips.
- All female Dungeness crab and soft-shelled crab must be returned to the water unharmed.
- It is unlawful to remove from the water or tamper with another fisher's crab gear without prior authorization by the Natural Resources Office. All gear must be attended at least once every 7 days.


CATCH REPORTING:

- **Prior to crab fishing all fishers must obtain a subsistence permit from the Natural Resources Office. Failure to report catch is a violation of this regulation.**
- Harvesters must be in possession of a valid subsistence permit to participate in this fishery.

JUSTIFICATION: Harvest available crab resource.

Signatures:

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