Squaxin Island Tribe
Subtidal Clam Regulation
Regulation# 2026-07

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 CV 9213, Sub-proceeding No. 89-3. This regulation supersedes all previous regulations.

DATE ADOPTED: October 14, 2026

EFFECTIVE DATES: **October 18, 2026 through December 31, 2026**

CATCH AREA:
28A Henderson Inlet #16150
28A Dana Passage #15960
28A Nisqually #13800
28A Millget #14000 (Mill Bight/Puget)
28A Wollochet East #10800
28A Fox Island North #11200

FISHERY TYPE: Commercial

SPECIES: Geoduck Clam, Horse Clam (*Tresus spp*.)

LEGAL GEAR: Hand held water nozzle, continuous 5/8 inch inside diameter.

DAYS/HOURS: **from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

Dana Passage #15960
Will be open Tuesdays AND Wednesdays

Henderson Inlet #16150.
Will be open Mondays

Nisqually #13800
Will be CLOSED

Millget #14000 (Mill Bight/Puget)
Will be CLOSED

Fox Island North #11200
Will be open Sundays

Wollochet East #10800
Will be CLOSED

ESTIMATED EFFORT: 2-5 Vessels

ESTIMATED HARVEST: 500-6,000 pounds of Geoducks per harvest day and horse clams

CATCH REPORTING:

- All Geoduck and Horse clam sales must be recorded on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets. Correct tract numbers must appear on these tickets. All tickets must be returned to the Natural Resources Department within four (4) days of the sale.

OTHER PROVISIONS:

- Harvest activities must comply with the 2026-27 Squaxin Island Tribe Annual Geoduck regulation.
- The Compliance Officer will monitor weigh-out of all clams before any dive vessel leaves the tract, or at the previously designated off-load site. For all tracts the off-load site is Zittles Marina. The 2026 IDQ's will be based on the Compliance Officer's recorded weights, which appear on the Squaxin Island Tribes weighout slips.
- Harvest will be halted if biotoxin levels rise to unsafe levels.
- Commingling geoduck clams from tracts is strictly prohibited.
- All divers are responsible to maintain compliance with the National Sanitation Shellfish Program (NSSP).
- The estimated harvest does not reflect any annual allocation of the Squaxin Islands Tribe's Region 7 treaty share
- Divers must harvest within the tract boundary markers and also no shallower than -18 feet and no deeper than -70 feet corrected to zero tide except on the Fox Island North tract #11200 the shallow water boundary is -20 feet, both corrected to a zero tide.
- The shallow water tract boundary for Wollochet East #10800 shall be at -35 feet corrected from a zero tide from January 1st through March 15th to protect herring spawning substrate, afterwards the shallow water boundary shall be -25 feet corrected from a zero tide.

JUSTIFICATION: Harvest available geoduck and horse clam resource.

Tribal Council

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