

Squaxin Island Tribe
Subtidal Sea Cucumber
Regulation # 2023-01

The following regulation is promulgated by the Squaxin Island Tribe. This fishery shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Puget Sound 2022/2023 Sea Cucumber Harvest Management Plan between the U.S v Washington Subproceeding 89-3 Treaty Tribes and the State of Washington.

DATE ADOPTED: June 15th, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 16th, 2023

CATCH AREA: Shellfish catch reporting areas 28B, 28C, 28D, and 28A. Also excluding all waters of Hale Passage and Wollochet Bay within the following lines: west of a line projected true south from the shoreline near Point Fosdick at 122° 35 minutes west longitude to 47° 14 minutes north latitude, and thence projected true west to the shoreline of Fox Island, and east of a line projected true south from the shoreline near Green Point at 122° 41 minutes west longitude to 47° 16.5 minutes north latitude, and thence projected true east to the shoreline of Fox Island.

FISHERY TYPE: Commercial

SPECIES: Sea Cucumber (*Parastichopus californicus*)

ON/OFF RESERVATION: On/Off

LEGAL GEAR: Hand harvest

ESTIMATED HARVEST: Up to 5,000 pounds

DAYS/HOURS: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Sunday

EFFECTIVE DATES: OPEN: June 16th 2023– July 31st, 2023

CATCH REPORTING: All Sea Cucumbers must be recorded on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets. All tickets must be returned to the Natural Resources Department within four (4) days of the sale.


OTHER PROVISIONS: 1) All Tribal Sea Cucumber catches must be recorded on daily harvest logs and Treaty Indian


Fish Receiving Tickets. Daily logs must contain the following information; Pounds harvested (split and drained weight), days fished, vessel name, catch area/specific location, number of divers, average depth and hours spent diving. Logs must be turned into the department at the end of each month in which harvest occurs.

- 3) All harvesters will strive to harvest only those animals larger than 25cm (9.84 inches contracted length).
- 2) All subtidal harvesters must meet and pass all dive requirements of the Tribe's Natural Resources Department, including a medical physical and a urinalysis. CPR and First aide cards must be current.
- 3) All taxes and fines must be paid in full and a subtidal harvest license must be purchased from the NR Department prior to fishing.
- 4) All harvesters and their vessels shall adhere to all applicable OSHA Dive Requirements in Sections 1910.410 through 1910.440.
- 5) All boat operators must notify the Law Enforcement Dept. & NR Shellfish Dept. of the upcoming weeks dive plan one week in advance.
- 6) No fishing may occur on currently open geoduck dive tracts.

JUSTIFICATION:

Available Sea Cucumber resource.


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