Squaxin Island Tribe
Subtidal Sea Cucumber
Regulation # 2023-02 Corrected

The following regulation is promulgated by the Squaxin Island Tribe. This fishery shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Puget Sound 2023/2024 Sea Cucumber Harvest Management Plan between the U.S v Washington Subproceeding 89-3 Treaty Tribes and the State of Washington.

DATE ADOPTED: July 27, 2023
EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 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: 2,940 pounds (not to exceed Tribal TAC D5 28 A-D)
DAYS/HOURS: 8:00 A.M. to 1 hour before dusk Monday through Sunday
EFFECTIVE DATES: OPEN: August 1st 2023– February 28th, 2024

CATCH REPORTING: All Sea Cucumbers must be recorded on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets. All tickets / harvest reports 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 week 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 aid 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. This regulation is a Shellfish Implementation Plan Paragraph 4.6 notice to proceed with a harvest in the absence of a co-manager agreement for the 2023-2024 Puget Sound Sea Cucumber Harvest Management Plan.

Natural Resources                                      Tribal Council