

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 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. 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.


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