

**Squaxin Island Tribe
Subtidal Clam Regulation
Regulation# 2023-12**

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: February 14, 2024

EFFECTIVE DATES: February 17, 2024 through March 31st, 2024

CATCH AREA: 28A Nisqually #13800
28A Anderson Island S #13350
28A Cole Point #13550
28A Henderson Inlet #16150
28A Dana Passage #15960
28A Fox North #11200

FISHERY TYPE: Commercial

SPECIES: Geoduck Clam

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

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

**Nisqually #13800
Will be Closed**

**Anderson Island S #13350
Will be Closed**

**Cole Point #13550
Will be opened Saturdays**

**Henderson Inlet #16150
Will be Closed**

**Dana Passage #15960
will be open Mondays**

**Fox North #11200
Will be open Sundays**

ESTIMATED EFFORT: 2-5 Vessels

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

CATCH REPORTING:

- All Geoduck 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 2023/2024 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 2023 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.

JUSTIFICATION: Harvest available geoduck clam resource.

Tribal Council

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