Squaxin Island Tribe Intertidal Shellfish Regulation No. 2024-67

The following information is provided pursuant to the shellfish implementation plan adopted by the federal district court in <u>United States v. Washington</u>, 898 F. Supp. 1453 (W.D. Wash. 1995).

Date: March 27, 2024

Effective Date: April 4, 2024

Catch / Growing Area: 28D / Oakland Bay

Pick up: Walk in

BIDN: 281090 - DFW Dikes7 17

Dates/Times: Open for harvesters from GROUPS D and A

Thursday, April 4, 2024, from 9:30 PM through 12:30 AM

Gear/Technique: Hand held fork

Shellfish Type: 509- Manila clams

Estimated Effort: 40 harvesters per harvest day

Estimated Harvest: 5,500 lbs each harvest day

Bag Limit: No more than 140 pounds of clams may be harvested per harvester.

Designated diggers may dig their own and their designees' limit.

Size Limit: All clams must be 1.5" or larger in length to be legally harvested.

Justification: Available clam resource.

Other Restrictions:

- All descendants of Squaxin Island Tribal Member children under the age of 16 may assist along side of any licensed harvester. Any assistance (family or spouse) can use a separate fork to help harvest as long as they are in the same area as the licensed harvester and only using one bucket.
- The shellfish monitor will distribute Bag tags on the day of the scheduled harvest. Harvesters are responsible for properly filling out and attaching these bag tags to all containers of shellfish before selling clams to a buyer.
- Harvesters must present their current shellfish license to the buyer and ensure all information recorded on the Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Ticket is correct. The harvesters are required to sign their own Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Ticket.
- It is unlawful for tribal members or assistants to harvest shellfish while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. As per the Squaxin Island Tribal Code Section 7.04.160.
- Fish Tickets recording clams harvested by a designated digger are required to have the designated digger's signature as well as the name of the person that the clams were being harvested for.

In accordance with the Squaxin Island Shellfish Code, this regulation is hereby approved.

Signature: Tribal Council

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