## Squaxin Island Tribe Subtidal Clam Regulation Regulation# 2024-01

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.

DATE ADOPTED: March 28, 2024

EFFECTIVE DATES: April 1st, 2024 through July 15th, 2024

CATCH AREA: 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

**Cole Point #13550** 

Will be opened Sundays

Henderson Inlet #16150 Will be open Saturdays

Dana Passage #15960 will be open Mondays

Fox North #11200 Will be open Tuesdays

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 2024/2025 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 2024 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.

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JUSTIFICATION: Harvest available geoduck clam resource.

Tribal Council Natural Resources

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