Squaxin Island Tribe Subtidal Clam Regulation Regulation# 2024-04

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: July 25th, 2024

EFFECTIVE DATES: July 27th, 2024 through September 30th, 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

Dana Passage #15960 will be open Saturday

Henderson Inlet #16150 Will be open Sundays

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Will be open Mondays July 29th, 2024 & August 12th, 2024 & August 26th, 2024 & September 9th, 2024 & September 23rd, 2024.

Dana Passage #15960

Will be open Mondays August 5th, 2024 & August 19th, 2024 & September 2nd, 2024 & September 16th, 2024 & September 30th, 2024.

Cole Point #13550

Will be open Tuesdays July 30th, 2024 & August 13th, 2024 & August 27th, 2024 & September 10th, 2024 & September 24th, 2024.

Fox North #11200

Will be open Tuesdays August 6th, 2024 & August 20th, 2024 & September 3rd, 2024 & September 17th, 2024.

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.



