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SKOKOMISH TRIBE'S 2022-23 ANNUAL WINTER STEELHEAD REGULATIONS #F22-66

1. Introduction

The following regulations are promulgated by the Skokomish Tribe and shall govern the conduct of commercial and subsistence fisheries for winter steelhead in the Skokomish Tribe's usual and accustomed fishing areas by members of the Skokomish Tribe.

2. Management Periods

a. Area 82G (Skokomish River):	December 03, 2022-April 15, 2023
b. Area 82C (Dosewallips River):	December 03, 2022-April 15, 2023
c. Area 82D (Duckabush River):	December 03, 2022-April 15, 2023
d. Area 82E (Hamma Hamma River):	December 03, 2022-April 15, 2023
e. Area 82H (Tahuya River):	December 03, 2022-April 15, 2023
f. Area 82B Dewatto River):	December 03, 2022-April 15, 2023
g. Area 82I (Union River):	December 03, 2022-April 15, 2023
h. Area 82F (Quilcene River):	December 03, 2022-April 15, 2023
i. Area 9A (Port Gamble Bay):	December 01, 2022-March 31, 2023

3. Lawful Gear

When fisheries are authorized, the following gear types shall be considered lawful gear unless otherwise specified. Set gillnets shall have a maximum length of 30 fathoms; the maximum length above Highway 101 in the Skokomish River is 20 fathoms. The minimum stretched mesh size is five inches. Dip-nets and hook & line shall be as defined in the Skokomish On-Reservation Treaty Fishing Ordinance.

4. Special Restrictions

No set-net may be placed so that it covers more than 1/3 of the length of the distance across the wetted channel. Set-net lengths or positions must be adjusted to conform to this provision when tides and other conditions reduce the amount of water in the channel. No net shall be placed within 250 feet of any creek or stream entering the Skokomish River unless so registered according to provisions of the Skokomish Tribal Code 7.02.028 (2). All set-nets must be lifted at

least once every 24-hour period. Set net locations shall be only at fishing sites registered as per the Skokomish Tribal Code.

All steelhead caught must be recorded on either fish tickets or on subsistence cards. All other salmon taken in hook and line fisheries must be released unharmed, unless separate regulations permit their harvest.

5. Fisheries Openings

- I. Subsistence Fisheries in the Skokomish River are open December 18, 2022 through January 31, 2023:
 - a. Hook and Line. Subsistence hook & line fishing is open as per the Skokomish Tribal Code 7.02.084 in the Skokomish River from the mouth to Vance Creek, including a 500-foot closure around Hunter Slough. The daily bag limit shall be two steelhead. Tribal fishers must register daily with the Skokomish fisheries office prior to fishing. All steelhead caught must be made available to Skokomish fisheries staff for sampling purposes.
 - b. Gillnets. Subsistence gillnet fisheries may be opened for up to two days per week in the Skokomish River from the mouth to Vance Creek, including a 500-foot closure around Hunter Slough, by special permit. Tribal fishers must register daily with the Skokomish Tribe's fisheries office prior to fishing. All steelhead caught must be made available to Skokomish fisheries staff for sampling purposes.
- II. For rivers listed in Section 2, no more than two steelhead per day may be kept for subsistence purposes.
- III. Commercial Fishery Openings shall be announced by emergency regulations based on in-season management considerations concerning the status of the fish stocks.

6. Emergency Regulations

Commercial openings shall be by emergency regulation. Openings, as well as restrictions, outlined in these regulations may be modified at any time by emergency regulations based on in-season management information. Emergency regulations shall be posted at the fisheries building. It is the responsibility of the individual fisher to obtain these regulations every week. The Skokomish Tribe intends to fully harvest its share of steelhead.

7. Authority

These regulations are promulgated by the Skokomish Fish Committee and adopted by the Skokomish Tribal Council under authority of the Skokomish On-Reservation Treaty Fishing Ordinance section 7.02.025.



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