

Skokomish Indian Tribe

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SKOKOMISH TRIBE'S 2024 ANNUAL HERRING REGULATIONS F#24-05

1. Introduction and Species

This regulation shall apply to herring fishing for commercial and subsistence purpose by the members of the Skokomish Indian Tribe. No other species or gear type may be fished unless authorized by a Tribal regulation.

2. Management Periods and Areas

These regulations shall be in effect from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. All fisheries are open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, unless specified in this or in an emergency regulation. Marine Fish and Shellfish Areas 27C, 27B, 27A and 25C (except Port Gamble Bay) are open for fishing.

3. Lawful Commercial Gear

- a. Hand held dipnets: Three foot maximum diameter.
- b. Ringnet: Six foot maximum diameter.
- c. Herring Rake.
- d. Beach seines: Maximum length of 58 fathoms (350 feet) with a minimum mesh of 1/2 inch.
- e. Snag lines.

4. Lawful Subsistence Gear

- a. Hand held dipnets: Maximum of three foot diameter.
- b. Herring Rake.
- c. Baitfish jigs: Maximum of three treble hooks or 9 single hooks.

5. Special Area and Time Restrictions on Gear

a. Dip Nets only gear allowed from February 1 through April 30, in Hood Canal between a line drawn east from Hazel Point and a line connecting Triton Head and Tekiu Point (including DaBob and Quilcene Bay).

6. Special Restriction on Species Commercially Harvested

a. All salmon and steelhead captured incidentally while fishing must be released unharmed unless their retention is authorized by a Tribal regulation.

7. Subsistence Fisheries

All subsistence fishers must have a subsistence card with them while fishing. All cards must be returned to the Skokomish Tribe Department of Natural Resources by the expiration date and must be returned before a new card will be distributed.

The following restrictions on subsistence fishers are subject to the following daily limit.

a. Bag limit of 10 lbs.

8. 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. Emergency regulations may at any time modify the regulations promulgated herein.

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