



Skokomish Indian Tribe

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SKOKOMISH TRIBE'S 2024 ANNUAL COHO SALMON REGULATION F#24-09

1. INTRODUCTION

These regulations shall apply to all Skokomish commercial fisheries for coho salmon off-reservation commercial fisheries in the in-common areas described below: Including the portion of Area 9 south of a line from Olele Point to Foulweather Bluff and the on-reservation portion of Purdy Creek (82J).

2. MANAGEMENT AREAS

These regulations shall apply to the following Management and Catch Reporting Areas: 9, 9A, 12, 12A, 12B, 12C, 12D, 82F, 82G and 82J.

3. MANAGEMENT PERIODS

Area 9:	August 25 through October 05.
Area 9A:	August 04 through October 26.
Area 12:	September 08 through October 12.
Area 12A:	August 21 through October 12.
Area 12B:	September 15 through October 19.
Area 12C:	September 15 through October 19.
Area 12D:	September 15 through October 19.
Area 82F:	September 01 through October 12.
Area 82G:	September 05 through October 26.

4. LAWFUL GEAR

When fisheries are authorized, the following gear types shall be considered lawful gear unless otherwise specified in emergency regulations.

- 1) Marine Drift Nets Areas 9, 9A, 12, 12A, 12B, 12C, and 12D: 5" minimum mesh with maximum length 330 fathoms.
- 2) Beach Seines: 3.5" minimum mesh, 3.5" maximum at the bunt, a maximum length 165 fathoms with 200 mesh maximum depth, multifilament net only.
- 3) Set Gillnet length restrictions as follows:
 - a) Skokomish River (HWY 106 Bridge to Purdy Creek Confluence GPS Coordinates 47.3057190, -123.152198): 5" minimum mesh with maximum length 30 fathoms.

- b) Skokomish River (Above TPU to HWY 106 Bridge): 5” minimum mesh with maximum length 55 fathoms.
- c) Skokomish River (Below TPU After 10/1): 5” minimum mesh with maximum length 100 fathoms.
- d) Marine Areas 9, 9A, 12, 12A, 12B, 12C, and 12D: 5” minimum mesh with maximum length 100 fathoms.
- e) Hand Held Gear (hook & line, dip nets, spears) as defined in the Skokomish On-Reservation Treaty Fishing Ordinance.

5. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

- I. Skokomish River:
 - a. The Skokomish River from the mouth upstream to the State Route 106 Bridge will be closed to gillnets September 1st through October 1st.
 - b. Seines, dip-nets and all hand-held gear must release all chum salmon unharmed from the mouth upstream to the State Route 106 Bridge through October 15th.
 - c. 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 length or position must be adjusted to conform to this provision when tides and other conditions reduce the amount of water in the channel.
 - d. Set-net locations shall only be at fishing sites registered as per the Skokomish On-Reservation Treaty Fishing Ordinance, section 7.02.028 (a).
 - e. All set-nets must be lifted at least once every 24-hour period.
- II. Areas 12, 12A, 12B, 12C, 12D:
 - a. All set-nets must be lifted at least once every 24-hour period.
 - b. Beach seines restricted to marine areas only.
 - c. Beach seines restricted to daylight hours only.
 - d. No marine set-nets or beach seines may be operated closer than 1,000 feet from any stream or river mouth that is not open to net fishing.
 - e. For the Dewatto River, the stream mouth is defined by a north-south line from the two-story white building with the flag pole at the mouth, known as Dewatto Point.
 - f. For Big Beef Creek no marine set-nets or beach seines may be operated closer than 1,500 feet from the mouth which is defined as the bridge on Seabeck Road.
 - g. Area 12 beach seines open no earlier than September 16th, gillnets start on September 25th. Beach seines must release all chinook and chum through September 30th.
 - h. Area 12B beach seines open no earlier than September 16th, gillnets open October 1st with a 500’ closure along the western shore through October 10th. Beach seines must release all chum through September 30th.
 - i. Area 12C and Area 12D are CLOSED to beach seining/gillnets until October 1st.
 - j. The area within 500 feet from shore between Ayock Point and approximately 2,000 feet south of Lilliwaup at the large house north of Octopus Hole shall be closed to all gillnets through October 10th.

6. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

All 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. The Skokomish Tribe intends to fully harvest its lawful share of coho salmon. Emergency regulations shall be posted at the Skokomish Tribe fisheries

building and the Skokomish Tribe Website. It is the responsibility of the individual fisher to obtain these regulations every week.

7. AUTHORITY

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



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