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**Skokomish Tribe's 2026/2027
Sub-Tidal Annual Geoduck Regulation
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1. Introduction

The Skokomish Tribe's sub-tidal geoduck fishery has been designed to provide harvest opportunity for individual Tribal members as well as provide an overall benefit to the Tribe. The Skokomish Tribe's 2026/2027 annual geoduck regulation's purpose is to help maintain a sustainable geoduck fishery for future generations, enhance commercial and subsistence fisheries for sub-tidal geoduck clams, and most of all provide the safest work environment possible for members and employees of the Skokomish Tribe from February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027. In addition to all other provisions herein and in the Skokomish Tribal Ordinance 7.02, this Regulation must be read, agreed-to, signed and returned to the Department of Natural Resources by anyone wishing to participate in the fishery prior to February 1, 2026 in order to receive a quota.

2. Harvest Times and Areas

Harvest areas for the Skokomish Tribe include Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Areas 25C south of a line from Olele Point to Foulweather Bluff, 27A, 27B and 27C. For the 2026/2027 geoduck season, the Skokomish Tribe intends to harvest geoduck at the Port Gamble Inside tract, #20100; the Hazel Point (Toandos) tract, #21000; The Thorndyke tract, #21450; the Vinland tract, #20750; and the Point Julia Tract #20020;.

3. Harvester and Diver Participation in the Geoduck Fishery

Only Skokomish Tribal members eighteen years of age or older will be authorized to participate and harvest geoduck in this fishery; non-member spouses who are eligible to fish under the Skokomish On-Reservation and Treaty Fishing Ordinance may assist in the fishery by acting as tenders on their member spouse's vessel. Non-member spouses must be in the presence of the member spouse during the fishery. Harvesters must dive their own geoduck and may not have another person either dive or harvest for them except as outlined in Section 17: Designated Divers. If someone dives another person's pounds without approval from the Department of Natural Resources, both the diver and the "dry diver" will lose the remainder of their quota for the year. In addition, the boat from which the divers were operating will be removed from the geoduck fishery for the rest of the season.

It is the sole responsibility of a diver to know if they have a quota and the amount of that quota. Any person who harvests geoduck without a quota will automatically be ineligible to receive a quota for the following five seasons and must pay the Tribe double what was received for the geoduck within 12 months from the date of overharvest. Failure to pay within 12 months will eliminate the diver permanently from the geoduck fishery.

In the event that an individual does not harvest more than 50% of his or her phase-one quota for two years in a row, he or she will be ineligible for a quota the following year. Harvest between 49.1% and 49.4% will be rounded down to 49%; harvest of 49.5% to 49.9% will be rounded up to 50%. If the failure to harvest more than 50% of the quota was due to injury, the loss of an immediate family member¹, or enrollment in a drug treatment program, which caused an inability to harvest, then the individual may go to the Fish Committee to file an appeal. If approved, that individual then may go to the Tribal Council for final approval to receive a quota. This must all occur prior to the March 15 deadline (see Section 4 for deadline details). At the beginning of the season, the DNR will randomly select names of divers who must be witnessed harvesting. The deadline to be witnessed is August 1. Those individuals will be indicated on the quota list. Divers will be notified and it will be the responsibility of the divers to make arrangements with the boat captain and the witness.

1. The diver to be witnessed may not harvest any geoduck until a monitor, DNR staff person, code enforcement officer, compliance officer or a police officer is present to witness them harvest. The compliance officer maybe a diver with a geoduck quota.
2. The diver to be witnessed must be the first one in the water and must harvest at least one crate of at least 30 geoducks in a single dive. Once accomplished, the diver may continue to harvest if they have pounds remaining.
3. The diver to be witnessed shall not harvest commercially until they harvest the 30 geoducks.
4. If they do harvest prior to being witnessed, they will lose the rest of their quota and will not be entitled to a reallocation for that season.
5. If a diver fails to harvest their geoduck while being witnessed in a given season, they must harvest two crates (60 geoducks) prior to receiving another quota or reallocation. The 60 geoducks must be donated from another diver or taken from the ceremonial pot (if pounds remain) which must be repaid upon receipt of a quota.
6. Absent a showing of good cause, if a notified diver fails to make arrangements to have their dive witnessed prior to reallocation, the diver forfeits the remainder of their quota and shall not be entitled to a reallocation for that season.
7. Any given diver will not need to be witnessed successfully harvesting the 30 geoducks more than once, except that a diver who has been inactive, out of the fishery, four years or longer will be subject to the dive test requirement.

4. Certification of Harvesters and Divers

The Tribe approves and promulgates commercial diving safety standards and regulations equivalent to those promulgated by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (29 CFR § 1910.401 *et seq.* (Subpart T)). All harvesters will be subject to

¹ Immediate family members include only mother, father, wife, husband, brother, sister and children of the harvester.

inspection and must comply with applicable Tribal commercial diving safety standards and regulations.

All divers and tenders must be certified by the Tribe by March 15, 2026 in order to participate in the current year's fishery. Whenever a diver brings in paperwork, it must be given directly to a DNR staff member. All paperwork to become certified must be to the deputy director of DNR by 2:00 PM on March 15. Should the 15th of March fall on either a Saturday or a Sunday, the deadline will be the next business day. If a certification expires during the fishery, the diver must become recertified in order to continue diving. A list of certified divers will be posted and updated regularly. Any diver who feels they should be on the list but cannot find their name will need to speak to the Deputy Director about what actions need to occur in order to secure a quota. It is the responsibility of the diver to make sure all of the necessary paperwork has been turned in by the deadline. This includes ensuring all third parties (Mason General Hospital, family doctor, The Work Clinic, etc.) submit paperwork on a diver's behalf by the deadline. Making sure a third party submits the proper paperwork before the deadline is the sole responsibility of the diver. After March 15, a final list of certified divers who are eligible to dive will be compiled and given to Public Safety, the geoduck monitors and posted at the Department of Natural Resources building. Certification will include successful completion with appropriate verification of the following:

1. NAUI or PADI recognized SCUBA certification
2. OSHA approved Surface Supplied Air diving certification
3. Current first aid and CPR certification.
4. Current valid Skokomish Tribe fishing identification
5. All harvesters must pass a certified dive physical every two years and are responsible for scheduling of the physical. Divers may take a physical every year if they so choose.
6. All harvesters must pass a drug screening test every year. Scheduling of drug tests (other than random drug tests) will be the responsibility of the diver
7. All divers must read the Annual Geoduck Regulation and sign a copy (either in front of a DNR staff person or a notary public) stating that they have both read the regulation and understand the content, including the deadlines for submission. The signature also indicates that the diver will adhere to all of the rules of the geoduck fishery and if a rule is broken, they will accept and pay all required penalties and fines. Failure to sign the form will prevent a diver from getting a quota. The signed copy must be returned to the Deputy Director of the DNR before the first day of February each year.
8. All divers must pass Tribally-conducted dive test as provided for in Section 3 of this Regulation

New divers will be given a one-half quota. A previously established diver who has been inactive, out of the fishery, four years or longer will receive a rookie quota. After one season, the divers will be given a full quota. A rookie diver will continue to be considered a rookie diver until they harvest an entire rookie share during a given season. If a rookie diver fails to harvest an entire rookie quota for two consecutive years, they will not be eligible for a quota the third year but may again receive a rookie quota the fourth year, and so on. A pregnant rookie diver must harvest her own quota; if she has a designated diver harvest any of her quota, she will be considered a rookie diver the following year and receive a half-quota.

Pregnancy, if the only reason a woman fails a physical, will not prohibit her from receiving a quota.

5. Boat & Tender Participation in the Geoduck Fishery

Participating boats are recommended to obtain a DOH and coast guard affiliate inspection annually. All boats must have two tenders on the boat if someone is diving. All tenders will be subject to inspection and must comply with all applicable commercial diving safety standards and regulations promulgated by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (29CFR1910.401-1910.440 subpart T). Tender participation in this fishery will be limited to assisting with the operation of the vessel and harvesting equipment on the vessel only. Tenders may not enter the water to harvest geoduck; a tender may only enter the water in an emergency situation to assist another diver who is in danger. A harvester who has taken their entire quota of geoduck may still act as a tender provided they meet the certification requirements. All tenders must be certified by the Tribe prior to participation in the fishery. Certification must be completed by March 15 each year in order to participate in the current year's fishery and will include successful completion with appropriate verification of the following:

1. Current first aid and CPR certification
2. Current valid Skokomish Tribe fishing identification
3. A negative annual drug screening test

6. Drug Testing²

All pre-season drug testing, as necessary to become certified to dive for geoduck, must be conducted at Mason General Hospital between February 1 and March 10. Proof of a negative drug test must be received by the Department of Natural Resources by 2:00 pm on March 15. Divers are responsible for the scheduling of all pre-season drug testing. In-season drug testing will be performed by consent of the Deputy Director of the DNR on any diver at any time, with or without cause, and will be scheduled and paid for by the Skokomish Tribe. Drug test results will be sent to the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and will only be used to determine the eligibility of individuals to either receive a quota or dive for their pounds and no other purpose.

The Deputy Director of the Department of Natural Resources will contact any individual who fails the drug test. An individual will be considered to have failed the drug test if any of the following drugs are found in their system, regardless of whether or not they have a prescription (the drug test must screen for, at the minimum, all of the following drugs; a test without results for any of the listed drugs will be deemed insufficient and not acceptable):

1. Amphetamines
2. Benzoyllecgonine (Cocaine)
3. Opiates (Codeine/Morphine/Heroin)
4. Phencyclidine
5. Barbiturates
6. Methadone

² For purposes of this regulation, a "drug" is a controlled substance as defined by Skokomish Tribal Code 9.09, Drug-Related Offenses.

7. Propoxyphene
8. Alternate Opiates
9. Synthetic Opiates (Oxycontin, Oxycodone, Fentanyl)

Individuals who fail an in-season random drug test must provide a letter from a doctor stating that the individual has passed a drug test at a more recent date than the random drug test. Costs for the follow up drug test will be borne by the individual.

If as a result of the pre-season drug test an individual is found to have a drug in his or her system, they will be given a quota and be allowed to dive if they provide both of the following to the Deputy Director of Natural Resources:

1. A valid, current prescription for that drug by the March 15 deadline.
2. A note from the prescribing medical doctor must be provided to the Deputy Director by March 15 indicating the exact following: "I am a medical doctor, I have reviewed the patient's medical history, I am aware that they are using (name of drug(s)), and I certify that (name of diver) will not be a danger to him or herself or anyone else involved in the Skokomish Tribe's 2026-2027 geoduck fishery as a result of using 'name(s) of specific drugs.'"

Individuals who are legally using drugs may be subject to frequent in-season drug tests. The level of drugs in a diver's system at the time of the original, pre-season drug test will be used as a baseline indicator. If an in-season drug test results in a level of the drug greater than 10% above the baseline, the individual will not be allowed to dive until a subsequent drug test, scheduled and paid for by the diver, is received by the Deputy Director indicating that the drug level is at or below the baseline level.

7. Harvest Vessel Restrictions

Only those vessels owned by Skokomish Tribal members and registered with the Tribe, in accordance with sections 7.02.071 (a) and (b) of the Skokomish On-Reservation and Treaty Fishing Ordinance, are eligible to participate in this fishery. All vessels shall comply with applicable commercial diving safety standards and regulations promulgated by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (29CFR1910.401-1910.440 subpart T). All vessels registering for this fishery will be subject to safety inspections, inspections by the Coast Guard, and inspections conducted by the Washington State Department of Health. Vessels which fail to meet any of the safety standards will be provided the opportunity to remedy the situation within a reasonable amount of time. In-season safety inspection will be conducted at random; all vessels must successfully pass these safety inspections before proceeding in the fishery.

8. Diver Safety

The Tribe approves and promulgates commercial diving safety standards and regulations equivalent to those promulgated by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (29 CFR 1910.401-1910.440 (Subpart T). All harvesters must comply with applicable Tribal commercial diving safety standards and regulations.--All participants in the fishery shall be subject to inspections and random drug testing during the harvest season to ensure compliance with all safety standards, regulations and

provisions. Any participant in the fishery found in violation of any safety standard shall be subject to citation and removal from the fishery until remedial action is taken.

9. Sanitary Control of Shellfish

All emergency openings or closings will be posted at the Skokomish Natural Resources office and on the Tribe's web site. All sub-tidal geoduck harvests are subject to emergency closure due to paralytic shellfish poison (PSP) or amnesic shellfish poison (ASP). It is the responsibility of the harvesters to check for updated changes, openings and closures of the fishery.

A label must be affixed to each container of commercially harvested geoduck prior to leaving the harvest site. Ready-to-use printed labels are available at the Skokomish Natural Resources office. The labels will be issued in person to registered Tribal members only. Each label will meet the standards set forth in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program's model ordinance, and shall include:

1. Name of Tribe
2. Tribe certification number: WA-0577-HA*
3. Harvester name and ID number
4. Harvest date
5. Growing area
6. Tract name
7. Shellfish type
8. Quantity harvested (in pounds)
9. Shellfish tag sequence number

Divers and vessel owners planning to transport geoduck with a vehicle to an upland point of sale must have the vehicle inspected for compliance with the appropriate shellfish sanitation standards or have their own Shellstock Shipper (SS) license from the Washington Department of Health.

All owners of vessels participating in the fishery must complete an approved Plan of Operation with the Washington State Department of Health for the harvest, handling and transport of geoduck product or provide the appropriate information to amend the Tribe's Plan of Operation. Such information shall include a designated buyer of the product to be harvested, name and registration of the harvest vessel and a description of the harvest operation. Changes to the plan, such as selling to a new buyer not previously listed on the plan, must be approved prior to implementation of the change. Any harvester or vessel owner who does not have their own Shellfish Operations License certified with the current harvest location will operate under the Tribe's shellfish operation license, number WA-0577-HA. This license allows for the harvest and initial transportation of product to the point of sale. Sale of geoduck to a dealer not licensed with both the Tribe and the Washington State Department of Health (WDOH) is prohibited.

10. Take Home Harvest

* This certification number is valid only for the harvest of clams and oysters by Skokomish Tribal members participating in commercial fisheries governed by emergency regulation.

All geoduck harvested for subsistence purposes must be recorded on a Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets and reported to the harvest monitor for recording on the harvest monitor form. Selling subsistence geoduck is prohibited. All subsistence geoduck must be weighed by the monitor and recorded on the take home portion of the Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Ticket. Subsistence geoduck is removed from each individual's personal quota.

11. Lawful Gear

Only a high-pressure water jet with an inside diameter of 5/8 of an inch may be used for the harvest of geoduck.

12. Commercial Sale of Geoduck

Within two hours of the end of the harvest day, all harvested geoduck clams shall be brought to and weighed at the weigh-out site designated on the emergency regulation governing the conduct of the fishery. Should weather or some other factor prohibit weigh-out at the designated site, an alternative site will be designated by the monitor. All weigh-out shall be monitored by the Tribe's harvest monitor. It is the responsibility of the diver to ensure the weights are accurate on both the monitor form and fish ticket.

All geoduck sold must be reported on the Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets and sold only to buyers licensed by the Tribe and WDOH. A list of licensed buyers is available from the Skokomish Department of Natural Resources. No geoduck shall be discarded after being harvested for any reason; all harvested geoduck must be for either commercial or take-home (including ceremonial) purposes. All buyers must be certified by the Washington State Department of Health and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and licensed by the Skokomish Tribe. In addition to any other applicable penalties, any individual who sells geoduck to a non-certified or unlicensed buyer shall lose his or her eligibility to participate in the fishery immediately and shall be prohibited from harvesting geoduck for the following season.

Stumpage is set at \$1.00 per pound. However, the Fish Committee will make a recommendation annually to the Tribal Council regarding the stumpage for the current year. The Tribal Council will then take that recommendation into account and set the stumpage accordingly.

13. Structure of the Fishery Opening

The harvest shall be limited only to geoduck. Openings will be announced by emergency regulation. Fishing schedules shall be set by the Skokomish Department of Natural Resources, based on recommendations by the Fish Committee. All harvest areas will be clearly marked or otherwise known by the harvest monitor present at the harvest. A representative from each harvest vessel must notify the monitor by phone by 7:00 pm the night before a given harvest of their intent to participate in the next day's harvest. The following information must be given:

1. Vessel name
2. Primary vessel owner
3. Names of harvesters
4. Names of tenders

5. Intended buyers
6. Tract they wish to harvest

The harvest monitor must be contacted prior to fishing on the day of the harvest; if no harvesters report to the harvest monitor within two hours of the opening time on the day of a fishery, the harvest shall be closed for that day. No harvester or vessel may leave the harvest area without notifying the harvest monitor. Any captain who arranges to harvest but fails to show up on the tract without notifying the monitor by 10:00 AM will be fined \$100.00 per incident.

14. Harvest Monitor

All fishery openings will be monitored by the Skokomish Tribe. A harvest monitor will be present at the harvest site throughout the duration of each harvest period. A monitor will also be present at the weigh-out site to account for all harvested geoduck. Any harvest activity (including being in the water) without the presence of a monitor is prohibited and will result in the loss of the diver's quota for the season. The harvest monitor will collect information about the amount harvested, area of harvest, harvest effort, and information related to tracking the sale of the product. The monitor may inspect vessels and divers to ensure compliance with safety standards and harvest regulations are being met. The harvest monitor may also prohibit vessels and harvesters from participating in the fishery should they be in violation of safety standards or harvest regulations. Furthermore, the monitor may close the fishery, adjust the harvest schedule or adjust management provisions to ensure compliance with safety standards, harvest regulations and allocation, should an allocation exist. Harvest information provided in-season by the Department of Natural Resources and the monitors is only estimated. It is the responsibility of each diver to know how many pounds they have taken. The Deputy Director may, at his or her discretion, allow a current diver to monitor the harvest provided that the monitor does not harvest while monitoring.

15. In-Season Reallocation of Geoduck

The Tribe's geoduck allotment will be distributed to eligible divers in two rounds of allocation: one at the beginning of the geoduck season and one in January of the following year.

Between March 15 and March 31, unless otherwise prohibited, all eligible divers will be given an equal quota of geoduck pounds. Individuals for whom the 2026/2027 season is the first year they will be diving for geoduck will receive one-half the quota of veteran divers. In order to be eligible to receive a second allocation (re-allocation), veteran divers must have harvested at least 50% of their first quota (and cannot be ineligible for diving for any reason; rookie divers must harvest their entire quota) by December 31. All remaining pounds of geoduck will be reallocated in January of the following year to all eligible divers. The remaining geoduck will be distributed equally to all eligible divers regardless of the amount of the original quota harvested by any one individual diver, minus any overharvest penalties. Unless otherwise scheduled by the Tribe, all divers must harvest their second quota by February 14. On February 15, all remaining pounds will revert to the Tribe and be harvested by the Tribe, at its discretion through two boat re-allocation periods (February 15 through March 7, and March 8 through March 31). If the reallocation amount is fewer than 50 pounds per diver, the Tribe will immediately as

of January 1 divide the remaining pounds among the operational boats whose captains are not otherwise restricted from using their boat. Captains wishing to have their boat considered in the drawing must submit a letter of interest for their boat, in addition to have participated in the Geoduck fishery during the time period of this annual regulation. Multiple captains may not submit for the same boat.

One boat will be selected if the remaining pounds are between 1 and 1,599, two boats if remaining pounds is between 1,600 and 2,399, an additional boat will be added for each increment of 800 pounds above 2,399 until all eligible boats are included. Available pounds will be divided equally among the boats selected in the drawing.

The captain(s) receiving the pounds must harvest those pounds between February 15 and March 7, utilizing their own boat but may have anyone of their choosing dive the actual pounds. Participating boats in the 1st boat re-allocation period will be eligible for the second boat re-allocation period where the pounds will be re-divided again to minimize leftover pounds. In years of smaller remaining pounds available for re-allocation, boat captain who receives pounds in a reallocation will not be eligible to receive reallocated boat pounds until all the geoduck boat captains have received such a quota in subsequent years.

If no allocation is set among the Tribes, the Skokomish Tribe will determine the structure of the geoduck fishery prior to the beginning of the season.

16. Overharvest Penalties

In addition to any other applicable penalties, an individual who exceeds his or her individual geoduck quota will be subject to the following, depending upon the amount of the overharvest. No exceptions will be made to these rules:

(1) Overharvest of less than 26 pounds.

(a) The harvester may forfeit those geoducks to the monitor immediately so that the monitor may sell them on the Tribe's card. The harvester will not be cited in this instance.

(b) If the harvester is eligible for the reallocation, the overage will be taken from the harvester's reallocated pounds. The harvester will not be cited in this instance. If there is no reallocation at the end of the season, the overage will be taken from the diver's quota the following year.

(c) If the overage is not forfeited or taken from the harvester's reallocation or following year's quota, the harvester will be issued a written warning in lieu of a citation, provided that full restitution is made within 14 days of receipt of notification. Restitution shall be an amount equal to what the harvester received from the sale of the geoduck. If restitution is not made within 14 days, the diver will be ineligible to participate in the following year's geoduck fishery and may receive a criminal citation.

(2) Overharvest of between 26 and 50 pounds. The harvester shall be required to pay back the full amount received for the overharvested geoduck plus a

\$500.00 penalty in order to have a quota the following year. If the diver does not sell the overharvested pounds, the diver will need to pay the full amount of money they would have received, based on the value of the other geoduck sold the day of the overharvest, had they sold the overharvested geoduck. **In addition, the amount of overharvested geoduck will be taken from the diver's reallocation or the following year's quota or a combination thereof.** Failure to pay will result in the diver's permanent ineligibility to participate in the geoduck fishery and possible criminal citation. Upon full payment the diver will be reinstated into the fishery and start receiving a quota concurrent with the next annual allocation.

(3) Overharvest by more than 50 pounds is a criminal offense. Any harvester overharvesting more than 50 pounds of geoduck is guilty of a Class C Offense. Upon conviction, the harvester shall be required to pay twice the amount of money received for the geoduck without exception. If the diver does not sell the overharvested pounds, the diver will need to pay twice the amount of money they would have received based on the value of the other geoduck sold the day of the overharvest, had they sold the overharvested geoduck. In addition, without exception, the amount of overharvested geoduck shall be deducted from the harvester's reallocation or the following year's quota or a combination thereof. Failure to pay will result in the harvester's permanent ineligibility to participate in the geoduck fishery. **Upon full payment the diver will be reinstated into the fishery and start receiving a quota concurrent with the next annual allocation.**

18. Designated Divers

In the event that a diver is unable to harvest for a medical reason his or her initial geoduck quota the diver may use a designated diver to harvest a portion of their quota. The following stipulations must be met for the individual to be considered for a designated diver:

- (a) The individual must present a note from a doctor verifying that the individual cannot, for medical reasons, harvest geoduck for at least one month. The note must explicitly state that the individual is medically unfit to dive. Additionally, the note must estimate the time until this Tribal Member can re-enter the fishery.
- (b) The individual requesting a designated diver has had fewer than 500 pounds of geoduck harvested by a designated diver during the current geoduck season. Individuals may only have up to 500 pounds of geoduck harvested by a designated diver during any given season.
- (c) Individuals requesting a designated diver cannot have previously received a designated diver during the current season.
- (d) If no allocation is set among the Tribes, stipulations for a designated diver will be set prior to the fishing season.

A designated diver will be assigned to a pregnant woman, regardless of how many pounds remain in her quota, provided that she also meets the stipulation identified in item

(a) only and is not a first-year diver. The designated diver may harvest up to one pound over half of the pregnant woman's quota (if the quota is 2,000 pounds, a designated diver may harvest up to 1,001 pounds; the 500-pound limit does not necessarily apply).

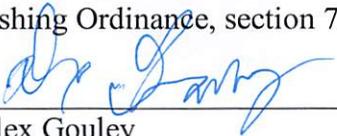
A diver wishing to retire from the fishery may designate someone to harvest either some or all of their quota. The diver must have participated in the geoduck fishery for five or more years and must have participated in the geoduck fishery at least once in the past five years to be eligible for the retirement quota. The diver wishing to retire must present a signed, dated letter to the Fish Committee indicating that they will retire from the fishery and never again seek to have a geoduck quota. The diver must also indicate who they will designate as a diver. The designated diver must be a current diver in the geoduck fishery in good standing. The retiring diver must pass all the requirements for a quota but need not be witnessed diving either 30 or 60 geoducks.

Tribal members who receive a designated diver for medical reasons must provide a doctor's note that explicitly states the individual who received a designated diver is fit to dive prior to diving again.

Individuals who have a designated diver do not need to be present on the boat when the geoduck are harvested for them. However, they must be present to sign both the monitor form at the time of weigh-out and the Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Ticket at the time of sale.

20. Authority

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



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2026 Important Dates for Skokomish Geoduck fishery

Date	Activity
1-Feb	Regulation must be read, agreed-to, signed and returned to the Department of Natural Resources
28-Feb 2026	all divers must have second quota harvested
Feb 1 - March 15	Pre-season drug testing to be completed & submitted by March 15
1-Mar	all remaining pounds will revert to the tribe for reallocation
15-Mar	Appeal to FC & TC for approval to receive a quota
15-Mar	All divers and tenders must be certified by the Tribe, paperwork submitted to Deputy Director
31-Mar	all eligible divers will receive their quota of geoduck pounds
1-Aug	Divers who are to be witnessed harvesting 30 geoducks or 60 if on second year must be complete Veteran divers must have harvested at least 50% of their first quota, rookie divers must harvest their entire quota to be eligible for second quota.
31-Dec	
14-Feb 2027	End of individual dive quota
15-Feb 2027	Start of boat reallocation