

## SUQUAMISH CRAB REGULATION

AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS: WDFW, and AFFECTED TRIBES

DATE: July 28, 2010

REGULATION NUMBER 10-046S

REGULATIONS MODIFIED: 10-042S

SPECIES: Dungeness Crab

**FISHERY TYPE: Subsistence and ceremonial**

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 31, 2010

### HARVEST LOCATIONS, POT LIMITS AND -SEASONS BY REGION:

This regulation lists harvest areas, harvest openings and harvest restrictions for Suquamish tribal fishers. This regulation may be amended by subsequent emergency regulations.

#### **Region 4**

**MFSFCA 26B and 26C**

**Open: 7AM Thursday, July 1, 2010**

**Close: 7PM August 31, 2010**

**Maximum subsistence poundage: 12 pounds of live crab per license per day (about 6 crab)**

**Maximum pots: 4**

**All fishers must obtain a permit from the fisheries office and carry it with them while fishing.**

**Subsistence effort: Up to 10 vessels**

### HARVEST AREA DESCRIPTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:

#### **Region 4**

**Catch Area 26B:** Those waters of Puget Sound south of a line from Apple Cove Point to Edwards Point, and east of a line from Point Monroe, Bainbridge Island, to the mouth of Miller Bay, and east of a line from Beans Point on Bainbridge Island to Orchard Point, and northerly of a line from the ferry dock at Point Southworth to Brace Point.

**Catch Area 26C:** Those waters of Puget Sound westerly and adjacent to Catch Area 26B.

#### HARVEST RESTRICTION:

Dungeness Crab: Hard shell male only with a minimum size of 6 1/4 inches measured by caliper across the back immediately in front of the tips. All females and soft-shell crabs (underside of shell flexes with finger pressure) shall be immediately returned to the water at the same location where they were caught unharmed. Females and sub-legal male crab cannot be kept on the vessel and be discarded at another location.

#### CATCH REPORTING:

All fishers must report all Ceremonial landings on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets using a valid Suquamish fisherman's I.D. card. If fisher buys her/his own catch, she/he must send the fish ticket to the address on the back of the ticket book no later than 24 hours after the purchase. The weight of crab received but not purchased must be recorded on the fish ticket as species code 561.

**BAIT RESTRICTION:** The use of geoduck for bait is prohibited

**LEGAL GEAR:**

Legal gear shall include crab pots, ring nets, dip nets, and other hand operated instruments which do not penetrate the shell. Pots must have at least two escape rings or ports of at least 4 1/4 inches inside diameter. These ports or rings must be located in the top half of the pot. Pots must be equipped with a biodegradable escape device consisting of either securing the pot lid or one side of the pot with no more than three single loops of cotton cord or sewing a 3" x 5" escape panel closed with cotton cord such that the crab can escape from the pot after the cord rots away. If an escape panel is used it must be located in the top half of the pot and be unimpeded by entrance tunnels, bait boxes or any other structures or materials. The cord used must be untreated 100% cotton no larger than 120 thread size. Ring nets must lie flat on the bottom and not restrict free movement of shellfish until lifted.

**GEAR MARKING:**

Each unattended pot must be attached to a surface buoy (no strings or long-line allowed) which is neither red and white or yellow in color. Evidence of long-lining will lead to a fine and/or gear confiscation. The buoy must be clearly marked with the owner's Tribal fishing identification number. Lines attaching buoys to pots must be weighted sufficiently to prevent the line from floating on the surface.

**OTHER RESTRICTIONS:**

No harvest one half hour before sunrise and one half hour after sunset is allowed.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Harvest treaty share of crab pursuant to applicable Regional Crab Management Plans

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