



POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL

Port Gamble S'Klallam * Jamestown S'Klallam

Fishery Services Program

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POINT NO POINT TREATY COUNCIL IN-COMMON BOTTOMFISH REGULATIONS #F12-001

The following regulations, promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council shall govern the conduct of commercial and subsistence bottom fisheries by members of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe in the In-Common Areas, as outlined below.

All areas not specifically opened by these regulations shall remain closed to commercial fishing. Only gear specifically authorized by these regulations may be lawfully used.

It shall be unlawful to harvest for commercial purposes any species of fish not included in this regulation or other Tribal or Treaty Council regulations that specifically authorize such harvest.

TOPIC 1. SPECIES

Pacific cod, Walleye pollock, Pacific tomcod, whiting, flounders, dabs and soles (excluding Pacific Halibut), greenlings, lingcod, ratfish, sablefish, cabezon, spiny dogfish, all species of sharks, all species of rockfish, all surf perches, smelt.

TOPIC 2. AREAS

Marine Fish and Shellfish Areas 22A, 23A, 23B, 23C, 23D, 25A, 25B, 25C (except Port Gamble Bay), 25D, 25E, 26A (within S'Klallam U&A areas), 27A, 27B (north of Ayock Rock), and 29.

TOPIC 3. SEASON

These regulations shall be effective for the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

TOPIC 4. DAYS AND TIMES

Open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, except as restricted in Topics 6 through 11 of these regulations.

TOPIC 5. GEAR

a) Commercial

Set lines Maximum 500 hooks/skate, maximum 3,000 hooks /vessel.

Bottomfish troll (max. 2 lines/boat; max. 4 spreads/line; topspread must be less than 24' from the end of the line).

Hand line, Bottomfish jigs.

Hand held dipnets (3 ft. max. diameter).

Ringnet (6 ft. maximum diameter).

Rake.

Beach seines (max. length 165 fms., min. mesh 5"). Thread size (multifilament only) no finer than seine #12.

Bottomfish set/drift gillnets (max. length 165 fms., min. mesh 5". Thread size no finer than seine #12).

Bottomfish pots (must have one wall made of cotton fiber or a vertical wall attached with cotton hangings).

b) Personal Use

Hand lines.

Bottomfish jigs (max. 2 hooks per line/2 lines per fisher).

Baitfish jigs (3 treble or 9 single hooks max.).

Hand held dipnets (3 ft. max. diameter).

Rake.

TOPIC 6. SPECIAL RESTRICTION ON SET NETS

Dogfish Season: Areas 23C, 23D, 25A, 25B, 25C (west of a line from Twin Spits to the Pope & Talbot stack), 27A, and 27B open all year. No more than four dogfish nets may be used at one time.

Pacific Cod season: Areas 23A (west of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light), 23C, 23D, and 29 open all year until the Treaty share is taken.

TOPIC 7. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON BEACH SEINE FISHING

a) Surf Perches: Beach seines may not be used for capture between May 1 and August 31.

b) Species other than surf perches listed in Topic 1: Beach seines may not be used for capture between May 1 and September 30.

TOPIC 8. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON FISHING WITH TROLL GEAR

Troll gear may be used for the commercial harvest of species mentioned in Topic 1, except Pacific Cod, only as follows:

- a) Areas 23A, 23B: open May 1 through November 30, except that Area 23A (west of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light) is open for Pacific cod all year until the Treaty share is taken.
- b) Area 23D: open January 1 through April 30 and December 1 through December 31. For Pacific Cod only, area 23D is open all year until the Treaty share is taken.
- c) Areas 23C, 29: open all year.

TOPIC 9. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON JIG (HANDLINE) GEAR AND BOTTOMFISH POTS

Jigs and pots may be used for the commercial harvest of species mentioned in Topic 1, only as follows:

- a) Areas 23A, 23B, 23D, 25B, 25D, 25E: open May 1 through November 30, except Area 23A (west of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light) and Area 23D jigs and pots may be used for Pacific Cod all year, until the Treaty share is taken.
- b) Areas 27A, 27B: open December 1 through April 30.
- c) Areas 23C, 29: open all year.

TOPIC 10. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON SET LINES IN COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

Bycatch in Commercial Halibut Fishery: Areas 20B, 22A, 23A (east of a line 335° true from Dungeness Light), 23B, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, 26A (within S'Klallam U&A areas), 27A, 27B:

- a) Limit 15 Pacific Cod per day allowed as commercial bycatch in the commercial halibut fishery.
- b) Limit 2 Lingcod per day allowed as commercial bycatch in the commercial halibut fishery.

TOPIC 11. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON VARIOUS SPECIES IN COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

- a) All anadromous fish (salmon, trout, and sturgeon) when captured incidentally when fishing commercially for any of the species listed in Topic 1 must be released unharmed, unless their retention is authorized by Tribal regulations.
- b) All starry flounder measuring less than 14" must be released unharmed.
- c) All English sole measuring less than 12" must be released unharmed.
- d) All halibut must be released unharmed, unless their retention is authorized by PNPTC halibut regulations.
- e) Lingcod may not be harvested commercially at any time in Areas 25B, 25C, 25D, 26A, 27A, 27B. Exception: 2 lingcod per day limit during a commercial halibut fishery, otherwise all incidentally caught lingcod in these areas must be released unharmed.
- f) Lingcod may be harvested commercially between May 1 and July 15 in Areas 22A, 23A, 23B, 23C, 23D, 25A, 25E, 29. All lingcod captured at other times must be released unharmed.

- g) All Lingcod measuring less than 24" or more than 40" must be released unharmed.
- h) All Pacific Cod in Areas 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 25E, 27A, and 27B must be released unharmed. Exemption: 15 Pacific Cod per day allowed as commercial bycatch during a commercial halibut fishery.
- i) In Areas 25A and 25E, smelt fishing shall be prohibited between May 1 and October 31.
- j) In Area 27B, smelt fishing shall be prohibited between May 1 and September 30.

TOPIC 12. SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES

- Smelt/sardines/anchovies: bag limit of 20 lbs combined.

Harvest of bottomfish for subsistence shall be subject to the following daily bag limits and area restrictions:

- Daily total bag limit is **15 bottomfish** regardless of species (*i.e.* all species combined), subject to individual limits and seasons as shown below:

AREA	BAG LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS
29	15 fish total	Daily bag limit may include only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one (1) lingcod
23A, 23C, 23D	15 fish total	Daily bag limit may include only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one (1) lingcod • two (2) cabezon • five (5) rockfish
25B, 25C	15 fish total	Daily bag limit may include only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • four (4) lingcod • two (2) cabezon • five (5) rockfish • ten (10) surf perches, pacific cod, or walleye pollock
27A, 27B	15 fish total	Daily bag limit may include only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two (2) lingcod • two (2) cabezon • five (5) rockfish • ten (10) surf perches, pacific cod, or walleye pollock

22A, 23B, 25A, 25D, 25E	15 fish total	Daily bag limit may include only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one (1) lingcod • two (2) cabezon • five (5) rockfish • ten (10) surf perches, pacific cod, or walleye pollock
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- Lingcod may be harvested only from May 1 through September 30
- No lingcod measuring less than 24", or more than 40", may be kept.

TOPIC 13. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

The regulations promulgated herein may be modified at any time by emergency regulations.

TOPIC 14. AUTHORITY

These in-common regulations are promulgated by the Point No Point Treaty Council under authority delegated by its member Tribes.



Scott P. Bass

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I CERTIFY THAT COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT WERE MAILED PREPAID ON 1-3-12 TO ALL PERSONS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT'S ORDER OF MARCH 1, 1978

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