



# SUQUAMISH TRIBE

## FISHERIES DEPARTMENT

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### **Suquamish clam fishery protocol during the COVID-19 pandemic**

#### **Protocol for clam harvesters**

All harvesters who wish to participate in clam harvests must identify which group they belong to. Groups are posted on the Fisheries web page under ***Upcoming Clam Digs***. Regulations and Shellfish Hotline Updates, also posted on the website, will announce which group is up for each clam dig and which one is on stand-by.

Link to the website clam dig information:

<https://suquamish.nsn.us/home/departments/fisheries/tribal-fishing-hunting/>

#### Harvester requirements for harvest:

- Harvesters must wear a mask or scarf covering nose and mouth
- Harvesters must wear gloves (plastic, rubber, latex)
- Maintain a 6 foot minimum distance between each other and with monitors and buyers at all times
- Register with monitor by flashing fishing ID card front & back (no contact)
- Be willing to answer questions about general health and recent travel activities
- Be willing to have your temperature taken with a no-touch thermometer
- Anyone with a persistent cough or other illness symptoms will not be allowed on the beach
- Anyone with a fever equal or greater than 100°F will not be allowed on the beach

#### **Protocol for clam harvest monitors**

Monitors must report any ill feelings or symptoms to supervisors immediately if they are scheduled to work. Monitors will have brightly painted 6 foot markers for harvesters to maintain a 6 foot distance at the scale and registration stations.

#### Monitor requirements for harvest:

- Monitors must wear a mask or scarf covering nose and mouth
- Monitors must wear gloves (plastic, rubber, latex)
- Maintain a 6 foot minimum distance between each other and with harvesters and buyers at all times
- Register harvesters from a 6 foot minimum distance by requesting them to flash the front and back of their fishing ID cards (no contact)
- Use the no-touch thermometer to scan each harvester's temperature
- Maintain a 6 foot minimum distance at the scale while harvesters place clam bags on the platform
- Monitor #1 records weight, monitor #2 places bag tag in bag and okays bag to be taken away by harvester



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### Protocol for clam buyers

Buyers will be informed of protocol when discussing the scheduled clam harvest. The protocol and regulation will also be emailed to them before harvest.

#### Buyer requirements on the beach:

- Buyers must wear a mask or scarf covering nose and mouth at all times
- Buyers must wear gloves (plastic, rubber, latex)
- Maintain a 6 foot minimum distance with harvesters at all times
- Maintain a 6 foot minimum distance with harvesters during cash out and ask them to flash their fishing ID cards (no contact)
- Write ticket and place on table or other hard surface for harvester to sign (may require paper weight if windy)
- Place the cash or check in the folded fish ticket harvester copy or envelope and leave on the table or work surface for harvester to grab
- Buyers won't be allowed to pick up harvesters' bags from the beach until cash out