



**SUQUAMISH TRIBE INTERTIDAL CLAM HARVEST REGULATION**

**AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS:** DOH  
**REGULATION NUMBER:** 22-054s oyster

**REGULATION SUPERSEDED/MODIFIED:**

**DATE ADOPTED:** May 23, 2022  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 31, 2022

**FISHERY TYPE:** Commercial & Subsistence

**SPECIES:** Pacific Oyster

**LEGAL GEAR:** Handheld prying tools

**SHELLFISH BEACH AND CATCH AREAS:**

Catch Area: 25C  
Growing Area: Port Gamble Bay  
Harvest Location: Kwolek  
BIDN: 253024

**COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS  
ARE IN EFFECT**

- Number of harvesters will be limited
- Harvesters must maintain 6 ft minimum distance
- Anyone exhibiting symptoms of illness will be asked to leave
- Refer to full protocols on fisheries website

**HARVESTING SCHEDULE:**

**Tuesday, May 31, from 10:15 AM to 2:30 PM**

- Check-in begins 9:45 AM, and is open to **ALL HARVESTERS**
  - **6 harvester slots available**, you **MUST PRE-REGISTER** to participate
  - Pre-registration ends Friday, May 27 at 4:00 PM
- All harvesters **MUST** register with the monitor and show current fishing ID before start time.
- Harvesters must have completed Vibrio training prior to harvest.
- Each harvester must be a Suquamish Tribe member and possess a valid fisher ID card.
- Digger must harvest their IFQ from the beach they are assigned to by the monitor.

**QUOTA:** The Suquamish Tribe is committed to an orderly fishery in which the 4,500 dozen total treaty share will be shared among all participating tribes. 150 dozen IFQ.

**BUYERS:** Buyers will be on the beach. Harvesters must sell oysters on beach to ensure time to temperature controls are met.

**ACCESS:** **Boat Access Only**

**HARVESTING REQUIREMENTS:**

- Harvesters must abide by **the COVID-19 clam fishery protocols** as published on the



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Suquamish Tribe website

- Fishing Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Per Tribal Code 14.1.51 it shall be unlawful for any person to fish while in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or intoxicants. **Any violations will be strictly enforced.**
- All diggers must have their Fisher ID card with a 2022 shellfish sticker in their possession and have paid all outstanding taxes in order to harvest.
- Check-in with the monitor on the beach is required
- Harvest is limited to oysters 2.5 inches in length or greater
- Diggers must thoroughly rinse oysters prior to weigh out
- Diggers should check in bags of 10 dozen oysters with the monitor to receive bag tags
- It is unlawful to leave any litter on the beach
- Trespassing on upland private property is a violation of this regulation

**CATCH REPORTING:**

The disposition (sale, gift, or consumption) of all harvested product must be reported to fisheries department staff within 48 hours of the start of the harvest. In addition, all harvest must be reported on a fish ticket. A bag tag issued by the monitor must be attached to each bag before it leaves the beach.

**TIME OF HARVEST TO COOLING REQUIREMENTS AND HARVEST CONTROLS:**

During Vibrio control months (May to September) the following time to temperature requirements for harvested oysters must be met:

- Oysters must reach an internal temperature of 50 degrees or less within 9 hours of harvest, unless noted below
- If air temperature is greater than 90 degrees at time of harvest, oysters must reach an internal temperature of 50 degrees or less within 7 hours of harvest
- During July and August if the water or meat temperature at time of harvest is between 68 and 70 degrees, oysters must reach internal temperature of 50 degrees or less within 5 hours of harvest
- During July and August if water or meat temperature is above 70 degrees, harvest must be delayed by at least 24 hours

**TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING:**

All oysters must be protected from contamination at all times. Product must not come into contact with non-food surfaces. Due to shellfish pest and disease control measures harvested oysters may not be transferred to another beach.

**ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS:**

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