SUQUAMISH CRAB REGULATION

FILLING ORGANIZATION: SUQUAMISH TRIBE

REGULATION NUMBER: 23-029S

DATE ADOPTED: February 24, 2023

AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS: WDFW, DOH, affected Tribes

REGULATION SUPERSEDED/MODIFIED: 23-023S

HARVEST AREAS: MARINE FISH CATCH REPORTING AREAS – SEE MAP ON PAGE 5:

Urchin Districts 1: "Northern San Juan Islands". Marine Fish and Shellfish (MFSF) Catch Reporting Areas 20A, 20B, and those waters of Area 22A north of a line projected east-west ¼ mile north of Lime Kiln Light on San Juan Island and west of a line projected true north from Limestone Point on San Juan Island.

Urchin District 2: "Southern San Juan Island". Those waters of MFSF Catch Reporting Area 22A, south of a line projected east-west ¼ mile north of Lime Kiln Light on San Juan Island and areas 21A, 21B, 22B, 23A, 23B, 25A, and 25B.

Urchin Districts 3: Those waters of MFSF Catch Reporting Area "23C East", which is the portion of 23C east of a line projected true north from the shoreline near Low Point along the 123° 48.3' longitude line, and MFSF Catch Reporting Areas 23D and 23A. For green sea urchins, District 3 and 4 (below) will be managed with one "Strait of Juan de Fuca Area" quota.

Urchin District 6: "Central Puget Sound" (MFSF Catch Reporting Areas 24A-D and 26A

Urchin District 7: "South Puget Sound" (MFSF Catch Reporting Areas 26B, 26C, 26D, and 28A).

FISHERY TYPE: Commercial & Subsistence

SPECIES: Red and Green Sea Urchins

LEGAL GEAR: Hand operated equipment that does not penetrate the shell.

SIZE RESTRICTIONS:

Red Urchins - minimum 3.25 inches maximum 5.0 inches.
Green Urchins - in all areas minimum size limit 2.25 inches, no maximum size.

AREA RESTRICTIONS:

The following areas are closed to harvest:

1. Those waters of San Juan Channel and Upright Channel within the following lines: North and west of a line from the northernmost point of Turn Island on San Juan Island to flat point on Lopez Island and thence projected from Flat Island true west to Shaw Island, north of a line projected from the northernmost point of Turn Island true west to San Juan Island, west of a line from Neck Point on Shaw Island to Steep Point on Orcas Island, and south of a line from Steep Point On Orcas Island to Limestone Point on San Juan Island.

2. Those waters of Haro Strait north of a line projected east-west one-half mile south of Eagle Point on San Juan Island and south of a line projected east-west one-quarter mile north of Lime Kiln Light on San Juan Island.

3. Argyle Lagoon: Those University of Washington-owned tidelands and all bedlands enclosed by the inner spit of Argyle Lagoon on San Juan Island.

4. Those waters of Eagle Harbor west of a line projected from Wing Point to Eagle Harbor Creosote Light Number 1, then projected due west to the shore on Bainbridge Island.

5. The waters of Sinclair Inlet west of a line projected southerly from the easternmost point of Point Turner to landfall directly below the Veteran's Home in Annapolis.

FISHING SCHEDULE BY SPECIES:

RED SEA URCHINS:

District 1 (outside of Griffin Bay Special Management Area),

OPEN: 7:30AM January 13, 2023
CLOSED: 5:00PM Thursday, August 31, 2023 or when the treaty allocation is reached

Allocation: 80,000 pounds, all tribes combined

District 2 north and east of a line drawn from McCurdy Point to the north tip of Protection Island to Trial Island in BC:

OPEN: From 11:00AM to 3:00PM Saturday, February 25, 2023

Allocation: 13,000 pounds, all tribes combined for the season

District 3, north and east of a line drawn from McCurdy Point to the north tip of Protection Island to Trial Island in BC

CLOSED

GREEN SEA URCHINS

District 1:

OPEN: 9:00 AM, Saturday, December 16, 2022
CLOSED: 5:00 PM, Thursday, August 31, 2023 or when the treaty allocation is reached

Allocation: 150,000 pounds, all tribes combined

District 2 north and east of a line drawn from McCurdy Point to the north tip of Protection Island to Trial Island in BC:

OPEN: 9:00 AM, Friday, February 17, 2023
CLOSED: 5:00 PM, Thursday, August 31, 2023 or when the treaty allocation is reached

Target: 1,500 pounds

District 3, north and east of a line drawn from McCurdy Point to the north tip of Protection Island to Trial Island in BC

OPEN: 7:30:00 AM, Saturday, January 7, 2023
CLOSED: 5:00 PM, Thursday, August 31, 2023 or when the treaty allocation is reached

Allocation: 50,000 pounds, all tribes combined

Urchin District 6 (south of a line from the northern tip of Gedney Island, east to Priest Point, excluding from that area waters that overlie tidelands that constitute a portion of the Tulalip Indian Reservation, and District 7 (north of Vashon Island):

Closed

POTENTIAL EFFORT: Two boats - 6 divers

SUBSISTENCE HARVEST AMOUNT:

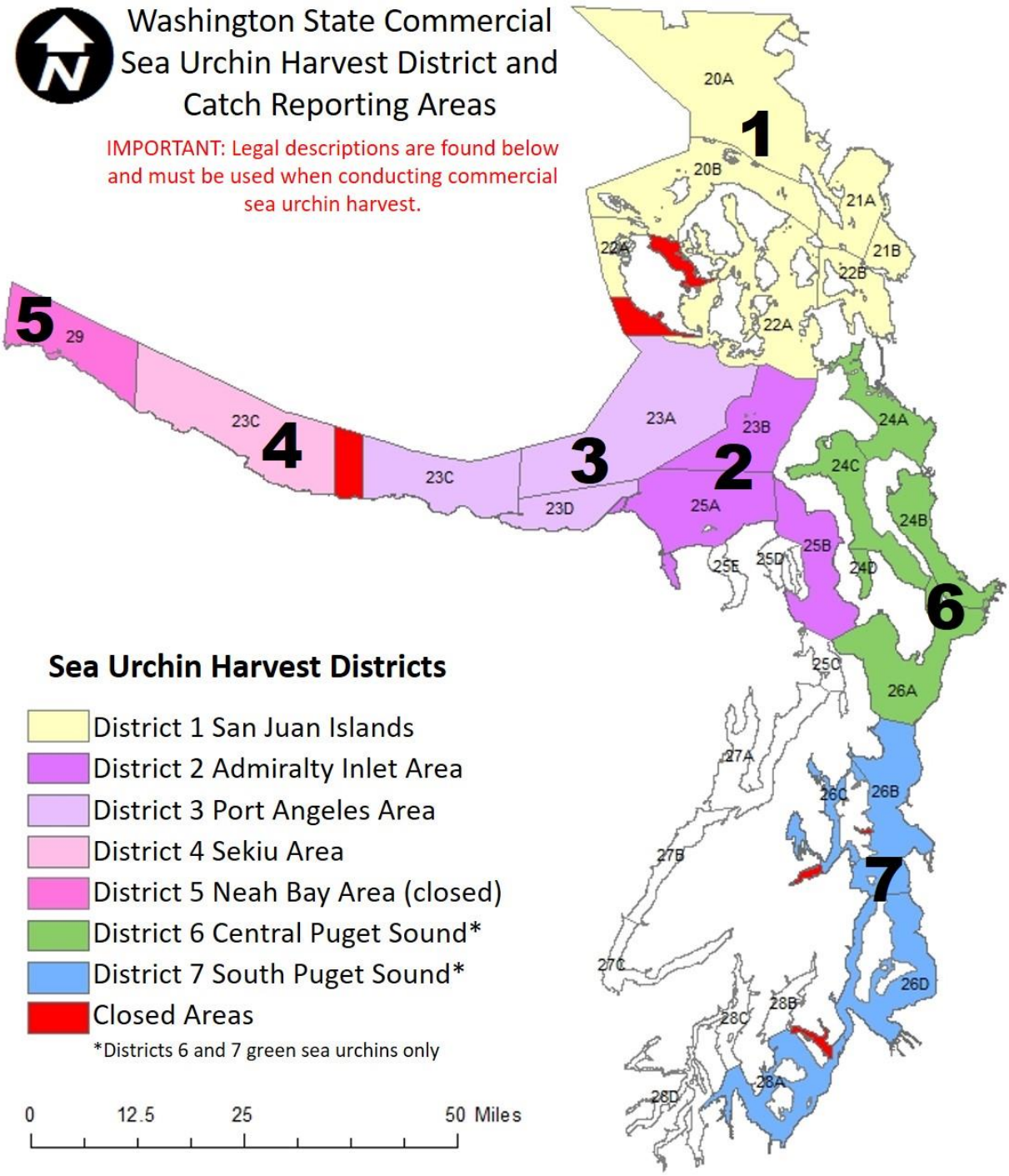
No more than 50 pounds combined red or green sea urchins per day

CATCH REPORTING:
All harvest must be reported on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets. Weight of sea urchins and specific area of harvest must be recorded on the fish ticket.

HARVEST LOGS:
The following information must be recorded after each day of harvest on a urchin catch log: date of harvest, vessel name or registration number, MFSF Catch Area, location fished (nearest landmark, bay, GPS reading) pounds landed (by species), total dive hours spent fishing, average depth of harvest, and number of divers who harvested that day. Logs will be available at the Fisheries Department. Log must be delivered by hand, fax, or mail to the Suquamish Fisheries Department by the end of the season.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

1. Harvester must have current Suquamish Tribal ID card with valid shellfish sticker.
2. All dive vessels used in the harvest of urchins shall comply with applicable sections of the OSHA Standards and Interpretations Subpart T - Commercial Diving operations (1910).
3. Prior to participating in this fishery, all divers must have completed courses in Basic SCUBA, surface supplied air, CPR and first aid.


Washington State Commercial Sea Urchin Harvest District and Catch Reporting Areas
IMPORTANT: Legal descriptions are found below and must be used when conducting commercial sea urchin harvest.
Sea Urchin Harvest Districts
District 1 San Juan Islands
District 2 Admiralty Inlet Area
District 3 Port Angeles Area
District 4 Sekiu Area
District 5 Neah Bay Area (closed)
District 6 Central Puget Sound*
District 7 South Puget Sound*
Closed Areas
*Districts 6 and 7 green sea urchins only
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