

Monday 4/29/2024



SUQUAMISH TRIBE INTERTIDAL CLAM HARVEST REGULATION

AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS: WDFW, DOH, U.S. NAVY and AFFECTED TRIBES
REGULATION NUMBER: 24-074s clam

REGULATION SUPERSEDED/MODIFIED: 4/23/24

DATE ADOPTED: April 18, 2024
EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 2024

FISHERY TYPE: Commercial & Subsistence

SPECIES: Littleneck & Manila clams

LEGAL GEAR: Handheld fork or rake

SHELLFISH BEACH AND CATCH AREAS:

Catch Area:	25D
Growing Area:	Kilisut Harbor
Harvest Location:	Indian Island
BIDN:	Beach #9.5 (250325)

HARVESTING SCHEDULE:

Monday, April 29th, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

- Diggers must PRE-REGISTER at the Fisheries Office before 4:00 PM Wednesday, April 24.
- Access is limited to the TWENTY FIVE registered diggers.
- All diggers MUST register with the monitor and show their current fishing ID before harvest.
- Each digger must be a Suquamish Tribe member and possess a valid fisher ID card.
- Harvest will not be allowed to start before 1:00 PM.
- Late arrivals will not be allowed to dig. 12:30 PM gate time.
- Harvesters must comply with provisions of the agreement between Tribes and the Navy.

QUOTA: No individual harvest limit. Harvest may only occur during the set harvest time.

BUYERS: Buyer will purchase clams outside the base at the Oyster Shell Beach park.

ACCESS: **Gate time is 12:30 PM.** Check with Fisheries for access, ID, and insurance requirements. Drive time from Suquamish is approximately 1 hour.



HARVESTING REQUIREMENTS:

- Harvesters must abide by the COVID-19 clam fishery protocols as published on the 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 2024 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 clams 1.5 inches in length or greater
- Diggers must thoroughly rinse clams prior to weigh out
- Diggers must weigh their clams at monitor's station and receive bag tags before leaving beach
- Displaced clams not kept must be returned to holes and all holes filled before leaving beach
- 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 clams harvested 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, available from the monitor, must be attached to each bag of clams once it leaves the beach.

TIME TO TEMPERATURE CONTROL:

All harvested clams must be sold within 18 hours of the close of the fishery OR maintained at 45°F or below within 20 hours of harvest by means of ice or approved wet storage. The only approved wet storage is at the Tribal Center beach.

TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING:

All clams must be protected from contamination at all times. Clams must not come into contact with non-food surfaces. Due to shellfish pest and disease control measures for Japanese Oyster Drill (Dyes Inlet – WAC 220-72-011(8)) harvested clams may not be transferred to another beach without a permit.

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