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SUQUAMISH SHRIMP FISHERY REGULATION

REGULATION NUMBER 24-077S

DATE: April 25, 2024

EFFECTIVE DATES: Effective May 2, 2024 until modified.

SPECIES: Spot shrimp

FISHERY TYPE: Commercial

REGULATION MODIFIED: 24-076S

JUSTIFICATION: This regulation is made pursuant to Section 4.6 of the Shellfish Implementation Plan (April 8, 2002) to proceed with harvest in the possible absence of a state / tribes agreement for the 2024-2025 Regions 2 East Pandalid Shrimp Harvest Management Plan.

SPOT SHRIMP HARVEST SEASONS, LOCATIONS AND QUOTAS

Management Region 2 East

MFSFCA 26AE and 24B – That portion of the Suquamish U&A in Possession Sound and Port Gardner Bay in Crustacean Management Areas 24B and 26AE that lie south of a line from the northern tip of Gedney Island, east to Priest Point (see attached map 1). Excluding from that area waters that overlie tidelands that constitute a portion of the Tulalip Indian Reservation (see attached map 2).

Open: 8:00AM to 1:00PM Thursday, May 2, 2024

Gear limit: 25 pots per boat

Expected effort: 25 boats

CATCH AREA DESCRIPTION

Area 24B shall include those waters of Port Susan south of Area 24A and north of a line from Camano Head on Camano Island to the north tip of Gedney Island and from the southern tip of Gedney Island east to the mainland.

Area 26A-E is defined as contiguous waters of 26A north and east of a line from Possession Point to the shipwreck located 0.8 nautical miles north of Picnic Point.

HARVEST REGULATIONS

Pot Fishery Regulations

- 1) Minimum mesh size for all pots require that 7/8 inch square peg can pass through without changing the shape of the opening. All pot gear must be equipped with biodegradable escape mechanisms which include at least one of the following methods:
 - a) Attachment of pot lid hooks or tie-down straps with a single strand or loop of untreated cotton twine no larger than thread size 120 so that the pot lid will open freely if the twine or fiber is broken.
 - b) An opening in the pot mesh not less than three inches by five inches which is laced or sewn closed with untreated cotton twine no larger than thread size 120. The opening must be located within the top half of the pot and be unimpeded by the entry tunnels, bait boxes, or any other structures or materials.
- 2) All unattended pot gear must be attached to durable buoys that remain floating on the water's surface except during extreme tidal conditions. Buoys shall not be yellow or red and white and shall be noticeably marked with the fisher's Tribal ID number (i.e: 58XXX).
- 3) All buoys shall be constructed of durable material excluding plastic or metal bottles and other containers. The buoy line shall be weighed to keep the line from floating.
- 4) Setting and pulling shrimp pots is allowed from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset, unless indicated otherwise in the opening duration.
- 5) All gear must be out of the water at Noon Wednesday, April 27
- 6) No more than one boat can record catch on a fish receiving ticket

HARVEST REPORTING

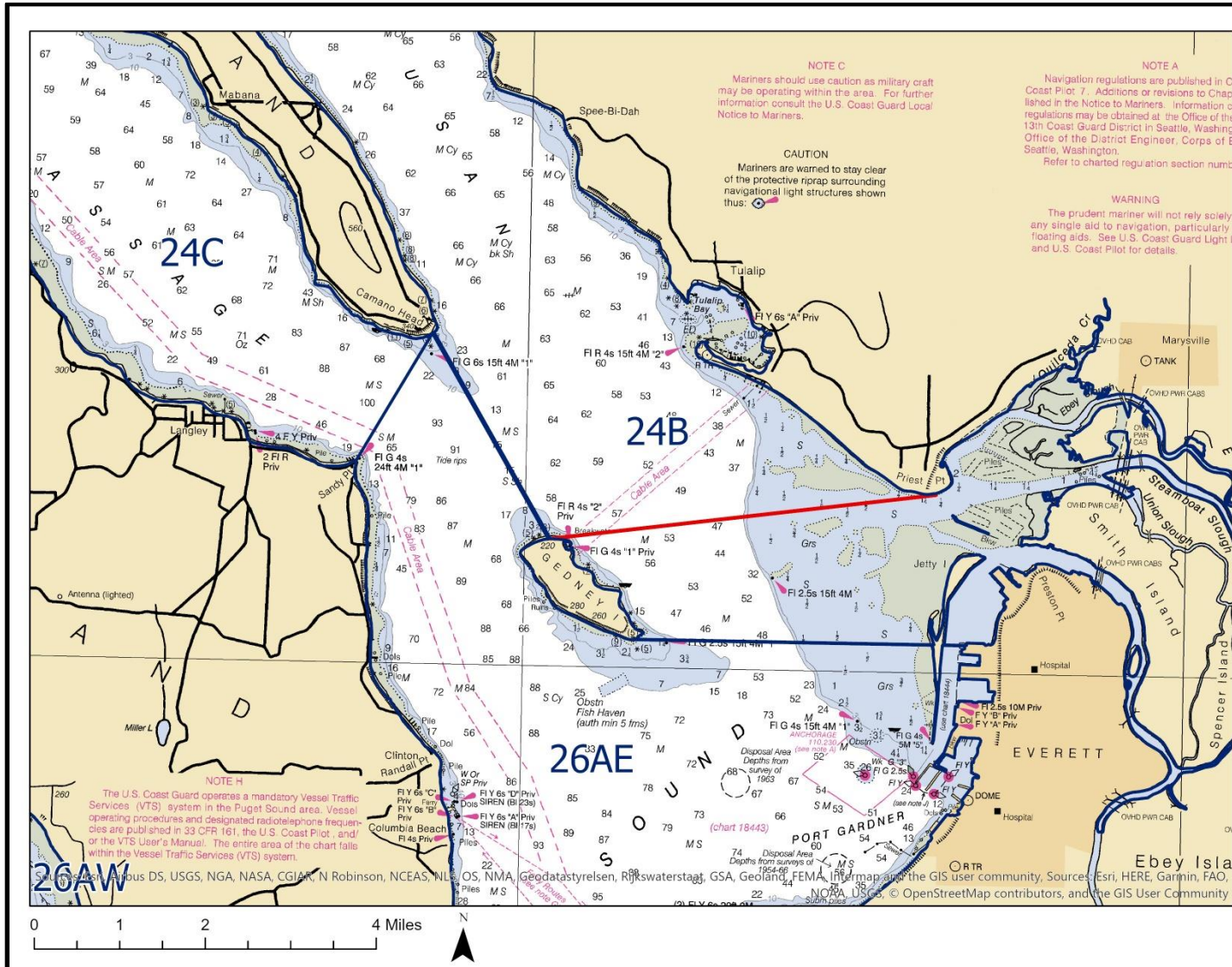
All shrimp harvesters, both commercial and subsistence, must provide daily harvest information to the fisheries office. Fisheries manager may request more frequent reporting as treaty allocations near completion. Commercial pot harvest information, when requested, shall include the following: date, vessel name, number of pots fished, mesh size, pot soak times, Catch area, location fished (nearest landmark or Bay), and pounds landed.

All commercial shrimp pot landings must be recorded on receiving tickets as whole weight. If shrimp are sold as tails, without heads, the tail weight shall be recorded and the ticket marked to indicate that tails were purchased. The respective management authorities shall multiply all tail weights by 2.22 (55 percent head weight) for in-season management and catch accounting purposes, in absence of more recent agreed analyses.

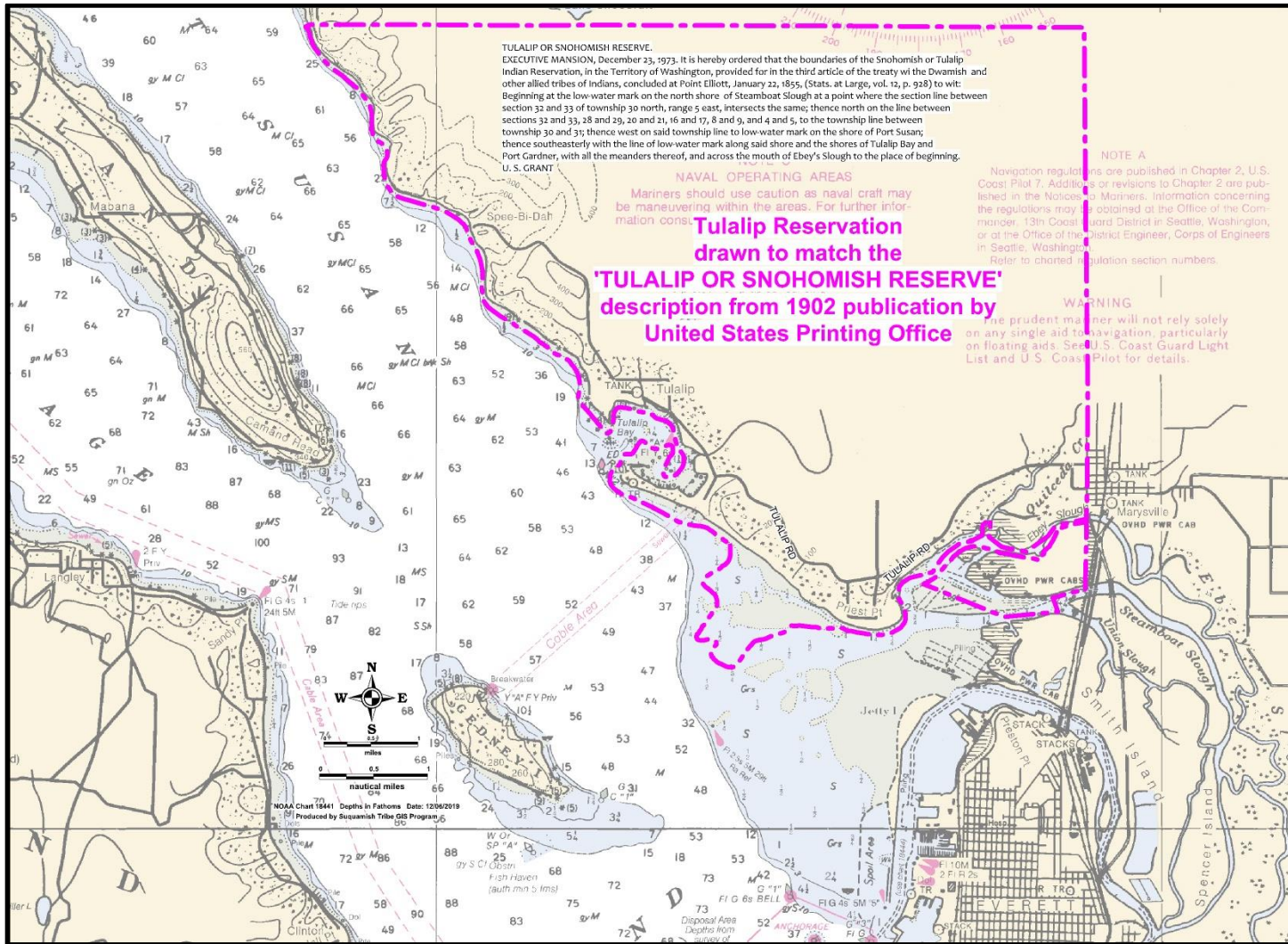
EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

This regulation may be amended at any time by emergency regulations.

MAP 1



MAP 2



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