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Tuesday 6/16/2026



SUQUAMISH TRIBE INTERTIDAL CLAM HARVEST REGULATION

AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS: DOH
REGULATION NUMBER: 26-089s clam BAIT

REGULATION SUPERSEDED/MODIFIED:

DATE ADOPTED: May 26, 2026
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 16, 2026

FISHERY TYPE: Commercial & Subsistence

SPECIES: Butter & Horse clams

LEGAL GEAR: Handheld fork or rake

SHELLFISH BEACH AND CATCH AREAS:

Catch Area:	26C
Growing Area:	Dyes Inlet
Harvest Location:	Clam Island
BIDN:	Silverdale Shoal 260540

HARVESTING SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, June 16th, from 12:00 PM or when the tide is out to 3:00 PM or when the tide is in.

- All diggers **MUST** register with the monitor and show their current fishing ID before start time.
- Harvest may be allowed to start before 12:00 PM at monitor's discretion.
- If you arrive after the dig start time, you will not be allowed to dig.
- Each digger 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: Final quota will be determined by the monitor

BUYERS: Diggers are encouraged to take home or make own buyer arrangements

ACCESS: **BOAT ACCESS ONLY**

HARVESTING REQUIREMENTS:

- 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 2026 shellfish sticker in their possession and



have paid all outstanding taxes in order to harvest.

- Digger may not participate in harvest if an active warrant has been issued.
- 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
- All activity at the harvest site must be part of the act of harvesting shellfish, non-harvest activities including building fires or structures without written consent of the tideland owner 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.

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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