Tuesday 8/11/2026

SUQUAMISH TRIBE INTERTIDAL CLAM HARVEST REGULATION

AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS: DOH
REGULATION NUMBER: 26-128s clam

REGULATION SUPERSEDED/MODIFIED:

DATE ADOPTED: August 4, 2026
EFFECTIVE DATE: August 11, 2026

FISHERY TYPE: Commercial & Subsistence

SPECIES: Littleneck & Manila clams

LEGAL GEAR: Handheld fork or rake

SHELLFISH BEACH AND CATCH AREAS:

Catch Area:	26C
Growing Area:	Dyes Inlet
Harvest Location:	Erlands Point
BIDN:	EP01

HARVESTING SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, August 11th from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
All Diggers, no assigned group

- All diggers MUST register with the monitor and show their current fishing ID before harvest.
- If you arrive after the standby 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.
- No helpers for non-Elder group diggers before the standby start time
- Tribal Elders on group may receive help with their IFQ from one digger before standby start, monitor must be notified.

QUOTA: Approximately 6,000 lbs total, final determination made by the monitor
  - In addition to the commercial IFQ, 25 lbs of subsistence littlenecks may be harvested

BUYERS: Buyers will purchase manila clams on the beach at harvest site. Bags not provided.

ACCESS: Beach access from the Purser residence on Tanda Ave NW, walk north 0.25 mi. Do not trespass on private upland property.

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
- 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.
- 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 24 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.

All commercial clams must be sold to a licensed shellfish dealer or buyer. Harvesters must sell to the dealer(s) present on site or at designated access points on the same day or night of harvest. If a harvester wishes to sell to a different licensed dealer, he/she must reach out to the fisheries staff 48 business hours prior to the harvest and provide the dealer's company name, contact name, phone number, and time of sale. Tickets must be provided to the fisheries office within 24 hours of sale.

TIME TO TEMPERATURE CONTROL:

All harvested clams must be sold within 18 hours of the close of the fishery OR maintained at 45^{o}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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