



Quinault Indian Nation

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REGULATION 2023 -01 2023 Quinault Chinook Troll Regulation April 21, 2023

Opening Date: The Ocean waters in the area described below shall be open for the harvest of Chinook salmon by authorized Quinault tribal fishers commencing at 12:01 A.M. on May 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Opening Restrictions: Only Chinook may be retained for commercial sale. All halibut, blackcod or other marine fish species caught incidental to salmon trolling are governed by separate regulations.

Closing Date: The Quinault Nation's commercial chinook salmon troll fishery shall close at 11:59 P.M., June 30, 2023, or upon projected attainment of the 22,500 May-June, Chinook sub-quota, harvested by members of the Quinault Indian Nation, Hoh Indian Tribe, Quileute Indian Tribe, Makah Indian Tribe and S'Klallam tribes.

Area: The area open for fishing to all tribal members shall be limited to all Pacific Ocean waters between Point Chehalis (46°53.30' N Lat.) and Destruction Island (47°40.10' N. Lat.), and due westward from shore no more than 30 nautical miles at any latitude.

Closed Areas: The area within a 6 nautical mile radius of the mouths of the Queets River (47°31'42"N) and Hoh River (47°45'12"N) will be closed to commercial fishing. A closure is also in effect within a 2-mile radius of the mouth of the Quinault River.

Size Limits: Minimum commercial harvestable size shall be 24" total length.

Salmon Ceremonial and Subsistence Bag Limits: There is no limit on the number of Chinook that may be retained for personal use. Other salmon caught incidentally may be retained as C&S. All C&S fish must be declared on electronic fish tickets.

Gear: The federal regulations governing commercial trolling gear shall be followed and are hereby incorporated into this regulation by reference. All gear and lures shall comply with either the commercial gear regulations adopted by the Secretary of Commerce or by pole sport gear. Nothing herein is intended as a grant of jurisdiction to the United States to enforce gear regulations which will be enforced solely in the Quinault Tribal Court. Each Quinault vessel shall be limited to no more than eight (8) lines. More than one sport pole gear may be operated by one fisherman and such sport poles may be placed in pole holders. Barbless hooks are required on all gear. Salmon may be harvested with hook and line gear only. Harvest of salmon with pots, traps, trawls, nets, or any method other than with hook and line gear is hereby prohibited.

Sale & Catch Reporting: A fishermen may only sell their catch to authorized Quinault Nation Buyers with the following exception: a fisherman may sell no more than a daily total of 3 salmon and steelhead (combined) directly to consumers. All salmon harvested by Quinault fishers shall be reported on electronic fish receiving tickets within no more than 12 hours of landing. Salmon retained by Quinault fishers for personal use shall be reported on electronic fish receiving tickets as ceremonial and subsistence harvest.

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Vessel and Gear Identification: Vessels participating in off-reservation fisheries authorized by the Quinault Indian Nation shall be registered and numbered in accordance with Title 51 of the Quinault Tribal Code and the Nation's regulations governing the registration and numbering of fishing vessels. Numbers shall be displayed in a manner clearly visible from the air.

Fisher Licenses and Identification: Quinault tribal members while participating in the treaty Indian off-reservation ocean fisheries or land or delivering fish harvested in such fisheries shall have in their possession a Quinault tribal identification card and a permit for the 2023 Quinault ocean fishery. Any offspring participating in the fishery must be properly licensed and the enrolled member entitled and permitted to fish must be present.

Other: All fishing by members of the Quinault Indian Nation shall be in accordance with all applicable Quinault tribal laws and regulations. Trip limits, monthly harvest limits, and other management measures may be adopted during the season to achieve tribal harvest management objectives. Fishers are advised to check for in-season modifications of these regulations.

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