



Quinault Indian Nation

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2018 REGULATION

Quinault Experimental Spot Prawn Pot Fishery: Regulation-01 March 12, 2018

Opening Date: The ocean waters in the area described below shall be open for the harvest of Spot Prawns (*Pandalus platyceros*) commencing at 12:00 pm (noon) on March 15, 2018. No gear shall be placed in the water prior to the opening date hereby noted.

Closing Date: This experimental Spot Prawn Fishery closes September 15, 2018.

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 west to 30 nautical miles off shore.

Gear: POT GEAR ONLY. Maximum pot size is limited to 153 inch bottom perimeter and 24 inch height. Pots must be constructed of net webbing or rigid mesh 50% or more of which should easily allow passage of a 7/8 inch dowel. All pots must be equipped with biodegradable ("rotten cotton") escape mechanisms.

Escape mechanisms can be in either of two forms: 1.) a pot lid tied with a single strand of untreated cotton no larger than thread size 120 or 2.) a minimum 3 by 5 inch area of the webbing laced with biodegradable cotton no larger than thread size 120. Any such opening must be in the upper half of the pot webbing and be unimpeded by entry tunnels, bait boxes or other blockages.

Gear Identification: Groundline End Marker Buoys must float at the surface and have a radar reflector pole attached. All marker buoys must be clearly branded with the owner's Quinault tribal identification number preceded by the number 18 and a dash (18-XXXX).

Gear Registration: Before participating in the 2018 Spot Prawn fishery it is the responsibility of Quinault Fishers to register buoy colors, buoy identification number and amount of Spot Prawn pots being fished with the Quinault Fish and Game secretary. **Fishing prior to meeting these requirements is illegal and a violation of this regulation.**

Pot Limits: Each Quinault vessel is **limited to 500 total pots** for use in the 2018 season.

Incidental catch: It is unlawful to retain any species of finfish or shellfish taken with Spot Prawn pot gear, except octopus, squid, or up to 50 pounds round weight of other shrimp species taken incidentally with Spot Prawn pot gear.

Log Books Required: All approved Quinault fishers must have onboard their vessel a logbook to record each set of spot prawn pots. The logbooks are to be filled out immediately following retrieval with at minimum: soak time of set; beginning and end of pot-line in latitude-longitude; depth at beginning and end of set; number of pots per set; number of prawns per pot.

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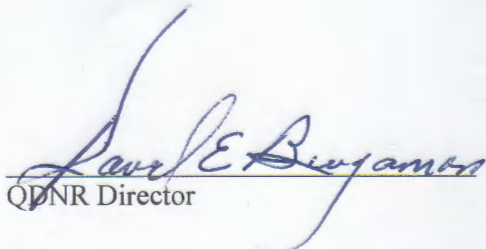
Reporting: All catch including ceremonial and subsistence must be reported on fish receiving tickets within 12 hours of landing. Spot Prawns shall be sold only to Quinault authorized commercial fish buyers. The sale of Spot Prawns harvested for ceremonial and subsistence use is prohibited. All approved Buyers are required to indicate, on the fish receiving tickets, the name of the Authorized Fisher who caught the Spot Prawns. In the event that an individual other than that Authorized Fisher is selling it on the Authorized Fisher's behalf, the individual selling the Spot Prawns must also be indicated on the fish receiving ticket. A list of currently approved Authorized Fishers is kept in the QDNR Permits Office.

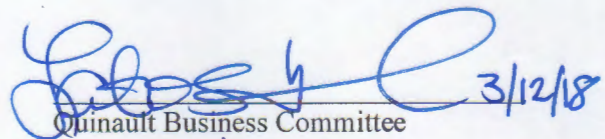
Due to potential health concerns with biotoxins it is important to report catch areas as accurately as possible on fish landing tickets.

Authorized Fishermen: Only Quinault Indian Nation members who possess a Quinault Indian Nation identification card and authorized spouses or children are allowed to fish.

Gear Removal: A Spot Prawn fisherman must remove his or her Spot Prawn fishing gear from the ocean waters described by this regulation at the close of the fishery or when he or she has discontinued fishing.

Sampling: Catches are to be regularly sampled by Quinault Department of Fisheries (QDFi) to evaluate size, shell condition and ovigery (ripeness) of females. For this experimental fishery it is required that 100% of landings (commercial, subsistence or ceremonial) be sampled by QDFi. A minimum of 100 whole prawns are to be sampled from each landing.


QDNR Director

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