



Quinault Indian Nation

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COOK CREEK 2025 FALL FISHERY SPORT FISHING REGULATION – 01

TO: Quinault Tribal Members, Quinault Fisheries Enforcement
FROM: Quinault River Fish Committee
DATE: August 1, 2025
SUBJECT: Sport Fishing on Cook Creek – Stat weeks 36-48

FISHERY/PURPOSE: To open Cook Creek and its tributaries within the Quinault Reservation boundaries to hook and line fishing. **Note:** The area immediately downstream of the barrier dam is open to fishing.

SEASON: September 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025.

AREA: Cook Creek and its tributaries within the Quinault Indian Reservation.

LIMITS: The fishery is open to taking the following species within the following daily limits:

Species	Daily Limits
Cutthroat	6 fish
Native Char ¹	2 fish
Adult Chinook (greater than 24 inches)	No retention.
Adult Coho (greater than 20 inches)	3 fish
Chum	3 fish
Jack Coho (less than 20 inches)	No limit
Jack Chinook (less than 24 inches)	No limit
Steelhead ²	2 fish

¹ The daily limit for Native Char is 4 fish total for the Quinault River and Cook Creek combined.

² The daily limit for Steelhead is 2 fish total for the Quinault River and Cook Creek combined.

GEAR/RESTRICTIONS:

- Each fisher is limited to the use of one (1) fishing pole.
- Snagging is prohibited.
- Walking on redds (egg nests) is prohibited.

Recommendation: Anglers cease fishing after two (2) steelhead are caught to minimize congestion in small fishing areas.

Fish Handling Requirements: The following fish handling procedures can improve the survival of released fish.

- Do not remove the fish from the water.
- Do not net the fish – but if netting is necessary, use knotless nets or rubber mesh nets.
- Use a hook remover when hooks are imbedded in the mouth of jaw.
- If a fish has swallowed the hook, cut the leader.
- Keep fingers and tools away from the eyes and gills of the fish.

PARTICIPATION: An enrolled Quinault tribal member must accompany all non-Quinault fishers. The Quinault member must be within 100 feet of their non-Quinault guest/client while fishing. Guides are required to be at least 18 years of age. There will be a limit of three (3) non-enrolled Quinault fishers per enrolled Quinault tribal member. The Quinault National Fish Hatchery gates will be open daily from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Parking of sport fishermen vehicles is permitted in the parking lot next to the visitor center.

REPORTING: All sport fishery catches must be reported to the QDNR permits office at ext. 7372 in Taholah with 72 hours of the catch or to mycatch@quinault.org.. All guides while engaged in guiding shall report catches by themselves and their clients in logbooks provided by the QDNR permits office.

Fish caught in this fishery CANNOT be sold for any purpose.

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