



Quinault Indian Nation

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2024 Seasonal Regulation Quinault Reservation General Shellfish January 3, 2024

The Quinault Fisheries Policy Spokesperson has ordered this regulation to govern the year- round gathering of shellfish **other than razor clams** within the Quinault reservation boundaries. Subsistence harvest of shellfish other than razor clams and crabs closes December 31, 2024. **Subsistence harvest of Dungeness crab closes September 15, 2024.**

- ❖ The gathering of shellfish on the beaches of the Quinault Reservation is restricted to enrolled Quinault members only. All shellfish gathered are for personal use only. No commercial sales are allowed.
- ❖ **Always check with the Quinault shellfish biologist (ext. 7576) or the Washington State Department of Health Shellfish Redtide Hotline (800-562-5632) to determine whether biotoxins are present and whether shellfish have been tested recently.**
- ❖ The following limits are established by the Quinault Fish and Game Commission to conserve the resource and deter the stripping of mussel beds and other shellfish species.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Daily Personal Limit</u>
California or "Big" Mussel	18
Blue or "Small" Mussel	36
Limpets (various species)	36
Sea Anemones (various species)	24
Horse Clams	18
Butter Clams	18
Gooseneck Barnacles	24
Dungeness crab ¹	10
Sand Shrimp ² (bait)	no limit

¹The harvest of Dungeness crab is allowed only on reservation beaches. Crab pots, rings, rakes, and snag gear may be used. Crab pots must have at least two (2), 4-1/4 inch minimum, inside-diameter escape rings and the lids secured with biodegradable cotton twine. Gear must be checked at least every 7 days. Only hard shell, male crab measuring 6 inches or more, caliper measurement, across the back immediately in front of the tips may be retained.

² "Sand Shrimp" refers to the two species of burrowing shrimp found in the bays and beaches of the Pacific coast area of the Quinault U&A. These are: the Ghost Shrimp, *Callinassa californiensis*, and the Mud Shrimp, *Upogebia pugettensis*. Shrimp beds are easily identified during low-tides by the "volcano" shaped holes the shrimp form when burrowing. Hydraulic pumping is NOT allowed. Only hand-powered gear (shovels, suction guns) may be used.

If more of a certain species of shellfish are needed for ceremonial purposes, a request must be made to the Quinault Fish and Game Commission for that exception and a ceremonial regulation will be issued if approved.

Overall Committee Chairman


QDNR Director


Quinault Fisheries Policy Spokesperson