

Quinault Indian Nation

Quinault River

Fishing General Regulations

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This Regulation will become a permanent regulation on or before October 22nd, 2018.

QUINULT RIVER GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS

I. STATEMENT OF INTENT

These regulations are designed to protect the fish, wildlife and other natural resources under the jurisdiction of the Quinault Indian Nation and under the regulation of the Quinault River Committee ("Committee"). The Committee recognizes that the Quinault River is an ever changing resource with fluctuations in river levels and fish runs. Each season the Committee intends to reevaluate the course of the river and the fish run to determine the proper placement of fishing grounds and channel widths.

II. AUTHORITY

These regulations are adopted pursuant to Quinault Tribal Code ("Q.T.C.") Title 51, specifically Q.T.C. 51.03 and 51.17 et seq. or as thereafter amended.

III. APPLICATION

These regulations shall apply to all non-guided commercial and associated subsistence fishing by authorized commercial fisherman (*i.e.* "take home fish") on the Quinault River.

IV. DEFINITIONS

The definitions in Quinault Tribal Code 51 are hereby incorporated by reference.

1. "Abandoned" shall include but not be limited to mean a fishing ground that has not been used, fished from, reported to have been fished from, improved upon, marked, launched from, or accessed within the past twelve (12) months, or one in which the ground owner has died;
2. "Application" shall mean the process of drafting and submitting a formal application on a form approved by the Committee;
3. "Helper" shall mean an enrolled Quinault Nation member who is a resident of either Grays Harbor or Jefferson County and who is hired to help a ground assignee or ground fisherman, and who shall be designated by a ground assignee as being authorized to fish on the ground assignee's and ground fisherman's behalf. If a ground assignee wants to use a helper whose name is not the Master Roster, the ground assignee shall inform the Fish and Game Office of the appointment of a helper before the helper goes on the River. If the Fish and Game Office is closed, the ground assignee may leave a message on the Fish and Game Office voicemail system. A person may serve as a helper or to a ground fisherman for multiple ground assignees or authorized off-reservation or ocean fisherman;
4. "Cancellation" shall mean the process by which the Quinault Business Committee, following a request from the Quinault River Committee, formally and permanently cancels or terminates a Quinault River fishing ground from use or further assignment.

5. "The "channel" shall mean the portion of the River that must remain open and unobstructed. It shall be identified by the Quinault River Committee before the start of the Fall season and as frequently as necessary thereafter in the seasonal regulations.
6. "Committee" shall mean the Quinault River Committee;
7. "Designee" shall mean the person whom a ground assignee has formally identified, in writing to the Committee, as the intended successor assignee of the assignee's fishing ground;
8. "Fishing ground" shall mean a specific, defined area of the Quinault River that an individual tribal member shall use for the purpose of catching fish, following assignment of that defined area by the Quinault River Committee. Fishing grounds shall begin in a Committee-approved monument set into the bank, and run from the monument perpendicular to the River's flow, and shall terminate at a tail stake;
9. "Gear" shall mean any tools authorized by regulation and used to catch fish, such as rod and reel, hook and line, nets, traps, spears and baits;
10. "Gillnet" shall mean a net that catches fish by the gills.
11. "Ground assignee" shall mean the enrolled Quinault member(s) being granted a ground assignment by the Quinault River Committee or such other bodies as previously officially designated by the Quinault Indian Nation;
12. "Ground fisherman" shall mean the primary person, who must be an enrolled Quinault member and a resident of Grays Harbor or Jefferson County, designated by a ground assignee as being authorized to fish on the ground assignee's behalf and in the ground assignee's place. A person may serve as a ground fisherman or helper for multiple ground assignees or authorized off-reservation or ocean fisherman;
13. "Head of Household" shall mean the person financially responsible for the family unit;
14. "High water condition" shall mean the level of flow, or river discharge, at which the Committee determines that fishing cannot reasonably occur at the assigned fishing grounds;
15. "High water set" shall mean a location other than a fishing ground at which a ground assignee, ground fisherman or helper whose name appears on the Master Roster may fish with a gillnet at times of high water;
16. "Immediate Family" and Immediate "Family Member" shall mean, including by adoption, brother, sister, son, daughter, mother, father, husband, wife, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, and half-sister, provided that such person lives in the same household.
17. "Mouth" shall mean the downstream terminus of the Quinault River where it flows into the Pacific Ocean;
18. "Resident" shall mean any person who lives within the boundaries of Grays Harbor County or Jefferson County.
19. "Short peg" shall mean that stake of the stakes driven into the riverbed for

the purpose of holding a gillnet that is closest to shore;

20. "Stakes" shall mean poles driven into the riverbed, for the purpose of holding a net in place against the current;

21. "Suspension of a fishing ground" shall mean the removal of a fishing ground from use or assignment on a non-permanent basis in accordance with Section V, 10;

22. "Tail stake" shall mean the pole driven into the riverbed that holds a gill net at the point at which the net is furthest away from the monument that represents the inboard or riverbank end of the net.

V. MASTER ROSTER AND FISHING GROUNDS. APPLICATION, ELIGIBILITY, ETC.

1. Master Roster

The Quinault River Committee or its designee shall maintain a Master Roster identifying each fishing ground, each person or person(s) assigned said grounds, whether permanent or temporary, each ground fisherman and helper permitted to assist at a given ground, and each open fishing location. No person may be placed on the Master Roster unless they possess a valid Quinault Certificate of Enrollment or Quinault Enrollment Card and are otherwise eligible to exercise treaty fishing rights. The Master Roster shall be available to Quinault fisheries management and enforcement staff and to any Quinault member upon request.

2. Ground Assignment Eligibility

In order to be assigned a fishing ground on the Quinault River, a person must be a resident of Grays Harbor County or Jefferson County and a member of the Quinault Indian Nation without restricted treaty rights. County residence shall be confirmed by a letter signed, on penalty of perjury, by assignee and one witness. Fishing grounds on the Quinault River shall not be acquired, operated, or controlled by a Quinault member unless he or she owns, or has access to, both a net and a boat for his or her use.

3. Maximum Number of Fishing Grounds

- (a) An Immediate Family is entitled to be assigned only one (1) fishing ground on the Quinault River, and no Immediate Family Member may be assigned a Quinault River fishing ground if the Immediate Family has an assigned fishing ground on the Queets River or if one of its members is an authorized off-reservation fisher. If an Immediate Family Member of a family that has an assigned fishing ground on the Quinault River acquires an assigned fishing ground on the Queets River or becomes an authorized off-reservation fisher, they shall be deemed to have permanently surrendered the family assigned fishing ground on the Quinault River. This section shall not apply to families that share a residence if each family has a different head of household.

- (b) If an Immediate Family comes into possession of more than one assigned

fishing ground on the Quinault River, it shall relinquish one (1) or more of such grounds so that it does not hold more than one (1) assigned fishing ground. If the family fails to so relinquish said grounds within thirty (30) days, the Committee shall cancel the person's newly acquired Quinault River ground and re-assign that ground in accordance with this Regulation.

(c) A ground assignee may voluntarily surrender his or her assignment, either permanently or temporarily, provided that the assignee shall specify the term of a temporary surrender.

(d) Any change in fishing ground assignments must receive the consent and approval of the Committee in accordance with Q.T.C. Title 51, and its implementing regulations.

4. Master Roster Determination

In order to be considered for the Quinault River Master Roster, a person must apply by submitting a formal application to the Committee. A member shall be placed on the Master Roster by majority vote of the Committee. Current assignees shall be required to confirm their intention to continue participating in the fishery by filing a notice to be provided by the Committee.

5. Temporary Master Roster Determination

Where a quorum of the Committee is not available at a meeting, the Chairperson of the Committee may give conditional approval to place a ground fisherman or helper upon the Master Roster until the next Committee meeting at which a quorum is present.

6. Assignment of Fishing Grounds

All fishing grounds are owned by the Quinault Indian Nation and may be used for fishing purposes only by a ground assignee. All applicants for fishing ground assignments upon the Quinault River shall present their applications to the Committee. The Committee shall consider all applications for fishing ground assignments and make ground assignments at the first meeting following the submission of an application. If the Committee is unable to make a ground assignment at the first meeting following submission of an application, it shall notify the applicant of the reason for the delay, request information as necessary, and provide a date by which the assignment will be made.

7. Notice and Assignment of an Unassigned, Abandoned or Forfeited Fishing Grounds

In the event that a fishing ground is open for assignment, abandoned or forfeited, the Committee shall assign the fishing ground to the last ground assignee's designee, provided that if the ground assignee left no designee, then it shall be

assigned to the eldest living lineal descendent of the last ground assignee who applies. The Committee shall attempt to notify all known living lineal descendants of the ground assignee and allow those persons at least thirty (30) days to apply for the ground before re-assigning the ground.

If, after the expiration of the thirty (30) days, no interested lineal descendent applies for the ground, the Committee shall notify the public of the open ground for no less than thirty (30) days prior to reassigning the ground. The Committee may make attempts to publish notice in the Nugguam or other local publication and/or any other method which is intended to give all interested parties the opportunity to apply.

8. Cancellation of Fishing Grounds

The Quinault River Committee may recommend to the Quinault Business Committee whether to permanently cancel a fishing ground upon the Quinault River. The Committee shall set forth the reasons for the recommended cancellation.

9. Suspension of Fishing Grounds

The Quinault River Committee is authorized to suspend a fishing ground on a non-permanent basis for any of the following reasons, which shall be set forth in the decision:

- (a) safety reasons, including ocean conditions;
- (b) changes of the channel; and
- (c) resource conservation purposes.

10. Right to be Heard before the Committee

Any person who is applying for the assignment of a fishing ground or whose assigned fishing ground is the subject of a proposed suspension or cancellation has a right to appear before the Committee. The Committee may adopt procedural rules as necessary in order to conduct hearings in a fair and orderly manner. In the absence of such rules, the Committee shall give the interested party adequate written notice of the hearing date, time and place, the opportunity to be heard and to present evidence in his or her own behalf in regards to the Committee's decision and/or action. All Committee decisions shall be in writing and dated.

11. Failure to Obtain Approval for Change of Fishing Grounds

It shall be a violation for any person to change fishing ground(s) without the consent and approval of the Committee.

VI. CATCH REPORTING

All fish caught under these regulations shall be reported on QIN-approved electronic fish tickets. Fish tickets shall be issued at the time of purchase using the Quinault Electronic Fish Ticket System (QEFTS) per QIN Business Committee Resolution No. 18-104-97. Two receipts will be printed at the time of the transaction, each signed by the fisher (seller) and the buyer and each keeping a copy for their records. The electronic fish ticket will record the person that actually caught the fish under a valid QIN permit or authorization; his or her ID number; and the ground location number, if applicable, or a notation of drift netting. If a person is signing a fish ticket as a helper, the electronic fish ticket shall also include the name and identification number of the ground fisherman being assisted. Any fish taken for subsistence (*i.e.* "take home fish"), or sold directly to consumers as daily allowable sales, shall be reported to the Director by the fisher.

VII. MINIMUM DISTANCE, GEAR, AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

These restriction and regulations apply to fisheries regulated by the Quinault River Committee.

1. Identification of and Minimum Distance between Fishing Grounds

Fishing grounds shall be on both sides of the Quinault River, 255 feet apart, and the grounds on one side shall be directly opposite the grounds on the other side.

Further, to the extent that changes in the course or the depth of the River have changed the grounds, the Committee shall set stakes into each ground so affected so as to validly identify the proper alignment and width of the fishing location.

a. Fishing grounds shall be numbered and identified by the Committee and/or its designees annually. Initial grounds shall be set in accordance with the past traditions and practice.

b. The Committee shall have sole discretion to locate each fishing ground.

c. It shall be a violation to set, allow to be set, or otherwise permit a net to float or otherwise extend more than fifty feet downstream from the short peg.

2. Fishing Channel Prohibited

Fishing is not permitted in the channel. Tribal Enforcement Officers may remove any obstruction violating this regulation after providing one warning to the ground assignee.

3. Obstructions in Channel Prohibited

The channel shall be kept free from stakes, nets, leads, or other obstructions of any kind whatsoever at all times.

4. Frightening of Fish Prohibited

It shall be a violation for any person to use a splash rope or any other device(s) to frighten the fish.

5. Catch Removal Required

All persons shall check whether their nets and/or other gear have caught fish, and remove any fish caught, at least once every six (6) hours

6. Net Fishing Above Chow-Chow Bluff is Prohibited

No person, Indian or otherwise, shall be allowed to fish in any other manner, except with a hook and line, in or upon the Quinault River at a point above Chow Chow Bluff.

7. Maximum Length of Nets

Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee in writing, the maximum amount of gear (cross nets, leads, and pockets) that may be used on any ground shall not exceed that listed in these regulations or any duly enacted seasonal or emergency regulations.

It shall be a violation for any person to fish at ground 4-6 using a net exceeding eighteen (18) fathoms in length.

It shall be a violation for any person to fish at ground 7 and 8 using a net exceeding twenty-four (24) fathoms in length.

It shall be a violation for any person to fish at all other grounds using a net exceeding sixty (60) fathoms in length.

For the purpose of this provision, the term "nets" shall include the net, the hooks, the pockets, and the leads.

8. Hooks and Pockets

A hook not exceeding 50 feet in length shall be permissible to those fishermen who have no pocket on their web; provided, that in no case shall the hook extend into the channel; further provided that a hook and pocket shall be allowed on grounds on the South Side of the River.

9. Stakes and Tail Stakes Required

Stakes and tail stakes are required at all fishing grounds except those otherwise approved by the Committee.

10. High Water Fishing

a. The use of high water sets may be authorized by the Committee, provided that the use of high water sets shall not be authorized during flows below 4,500 CFS as measured at the USGS Gauge No. 12039500 at Highway 101, and provided further, that the use of high water sets may be approved by the Committee at ground numbers 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 on the north side of the River if it is not possible to use a full set even if the flow is below 4,500 CFS. No ground assignee shall be authorized to fish more than one high water set in addition to their assigned ground, and no other person shall be authorized to fish more than two high water sets.

b. The use of high water sets shall not be authorized during Blueback season.

c. The use of a high water set within an assigned ground shall not be authorized unless the ground assignee has consented to the use of his or her ground for high water fishing.

d. At the discretion of the ground assignee upon whose ground fish are caught, the fisherman who caught the fish shall provide either half of the fish that are caught, or half of income earned from the fish caught, on grounds between Grounds 5 and 92.

e. If the flow drops below 4500 CFS, the high water nets shall be pulled within twenty-four (24) hours.

11. Non Retention of Green Sturgeon (Acioenser medirostris)

No person shall take, retain, or otherwise keep a Green Sturgeon. All Green Sturgeon must be released immediately when captured or caught.

VIII. ENFORCEMENT

1. Removal of gear by Tribal Enforcement Officers

Quinault Indian Nation Tribal Enforcement Officers are specifically authorized to remove any obstruction, including any type of fishing gear, violating these or any seasonal or emergency regulations or any other applicable provision of the Quinault Tribal Code.

2. Enforcement of Regulations

These regulations shall be enforced in accordance with Q.T.C. Title 51 as currently enacted or as hereafter amended.

3. Suspension of Privileges

The Committee, by majority vote, may suspend a person's permission to engage in activity governed by Q.T.C. Title 51 in accordance with Q.T.C. Title 51 when the person has been found to have committed a violation of Q.T.C. Title 51 by the Tribal Court or has reached a settlement in lieu of litigation.

4. Appeals

The decision of the Committee to assign or suspend a fishing ground shall be appealable to the Business Committee. An appeal shall be filed with the Secretary of the Business Committee within thirty (30) days of the date of the Committee's written decision. The decision of the Business Committee shall be appealable to the General Council, provided that if Title 51 is amended to provide for a different appellate process, all appeals shall be in accordance with such amendment. The Committee shall file a copy of the final decision on appeal with the Secretary of the Fish and Game Commission so that a record is kept of all cancellations and suspensions.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Savings Clause

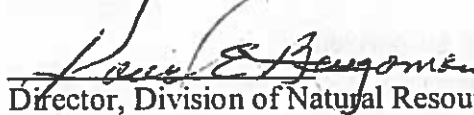
Should any paragraph, subparagraph, clause, sentence, or phrase of these regulations be declared invalid, or be in conflict with the Q.T.C., such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of these regulations, and those remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect and to this end, provisions, of these regulations are declared severable.

Approved by the Quinault River Fishery Committee



Committee Chairman

Concurrence:



Director, Division of Natural Resources



Fisheries Policy Spokesperson



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TO: Quinault Tribal Members
Quinault Fisheries Enforcement

FROM: Quinault River Fish Committee

DATE: Oct. 18, 2012

Posting of Quinault River General Regulation Amendment for Review and Comment

The Quinault River Fish Committee on 10/3/2012 voted to change part of Provision IV. Definitions under section 3. "The Channel" regarding grounds 39 and 40 to grounds 43 and 44. Based on a stipulation made during that meeting prior to that vote, and subsequent committee action on 10/18 that provision was revised again to be posted for 10 days for comment and review but will now be in effect as now revised.

The regulation adopted in 2009, in section 3, where language would be changed (in bold) states:

3. The "Channel" shall be identified by the Quinault River Committee at least annually. Unless otherwise defined by Regulation, the Channel shall mean the seventy-five (75) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river between grounds 4 and 6; the one hundred and twenty-five (125) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river between grounds 7 and 8 through grounds 37 and 38, **the one hundred and fifty (150) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river between grounds 39 and 40 through grounds 43 and 44**, the one hundred and seventy-five (175) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river between grounds 45 and 46; and the one hundred (100) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river for the remainder of the fishing grounds;

The revised language adopted by the committee states:

3. The "Channel" shall be identified by the Quinault River Committee at least annually. Unless otherwise defined by Regulation, the Channel shall mean the seventy-five (75) foot section of the river

with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river between grounds 4 and 6: the one hundred and twenty-five (125) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river between grounds 7 and 8 through grounds 43 and 44, , where the extent of ground 43 will now be measured 155 feet from its reference point (formerly measured at 170 feet), the one hundred and seventy-five (175) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river between grounds 45 and 46; and the one hundred (100) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river for the remainder of the fishing grounds;



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Quinault River General Regulation Amendment

TO: Quinault Tribal Members
Quinault Fisheries Enforcement

FROM: Quinault River Fish Committee

DATE: Oct. 18, 2012

Subject: Quinault River General Regulation Amendment 5—IV DEFINITIONS under section 3

Revised Definition of Channel was originally adopted on 10/3/2012 and posted taking effect on 10/05/2012, and is now revised on 10/18/2012 to be posted for 10 days for comment and review while it will be in effect as now revised.

3. The "Channel" shall be identified by the Quinault River Committee at least annually. Unless otherwise defined by Regulation, the Channel shall mean the seventy-five (75) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river between grounds 4 and 6; the one hundred and twenty-five (125) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river between grounds 7 and 8 through grounds 43 and 44, where the extent of ground 43 will now be measured 155 feet from its reference point (formerly measured at 170 feet), the one hundred and seventy-five (175) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river between grounds 45 and 46; and the one hundred (100) foot section of the river with its center point measuring from the deepest spot in the river for the remainder of the fishing grounds;

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Quinault River General Regulation Addendum- 02 Seasonal River Smelt Fishing

TO: Quinault Tribal Members
Quinault Fisheries Enforcement
FROM: Quinault River Fish Committee
DATE: June 11, 2010
SUBJECT: General Regulation Addendum—Home use Subsistence Smelt Fishing

The Quinault River will be open to the taking of smelt for personal use for the following periods during the designated seasons each year until this regulation is rescinded or the Current General Fishing Ordinance is replaced. Opening and closing dates are as follows:

Columbia River Smelt within the Winter season:

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
Winter season-	December 1	March 31

Winter season gear restrictions: Only dip-net and gill-net with maximum stretch mesh size of 1.5 inches are allowed. Maximum allowed length of gill-net is 15 fathoms. Gill-nets for subsistence smelting are limited to the times in areas where commercial fishing is not occurring, so as not to interfere with the commercial fishery.

Silver Smelt within the Spring to Fall seasons:

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
Spring/Summer/Fall	June 1	September 31

Spring/Summer/Fall season gear restrictions: Only dip-net with maximum stretch mesh size of 1.0 inches is permitted.

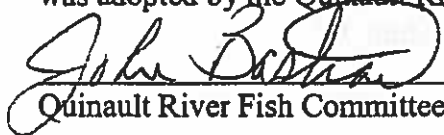
Harvest limit: 50 pounds per day per person.

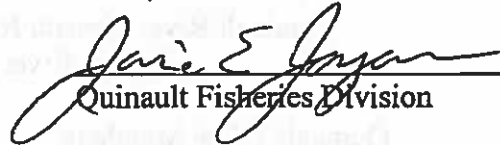
AREA: The area covered is the lower Quinault River beginning from the mouth, where the channel enters the surf, but to extend no further upriver than river mile 3.2.

All catches shall be reported to the Quinault Fisheries Division. This fishery and gear restrictions may be revised if unacceptable levels of juvenile or adult salmon and steelhead catches occur.

Smelt harvest activities shall not hinder the river gillnet fisheries. All adult and juvenile salmon and steelhead captured using smelt gear are required to be released immediately.

Only Quinault Tribal members are eligible to participate in this fishery. All other provisions of the General Regulations and Title 51 must be followed. This regulation was adopted by the Quinault River Committee on June 11, 2010.


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Quinault River General Regulation Addendum-03 Incidental Sturgeon Catch

TO: Quinault Tribal Members
Quinault Fisheries Enforcement
FROM: Quinault River Fish Committee
DATE: July 27, 2010
SUBJECT: Quinault River Commercial Gillnet Landings – July 27, 2010 until replaced

The Quinault River General Regulation on Incidental Sturgeon Catch, dated July 27, 2010, is added as an addendum to the Quinault River General Regulation. It will remain in effect until altered or replaced by a new general ordinance.

DURING OPEN COMMERCIAL FISHING ON THE QUINULT RIVER THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY:

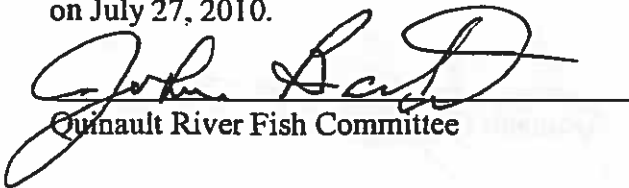
White Sturgeon Size Retention Restriction: Only White Sturgeon greater than 42 inches (as measured with fish laying flat on its side, tip of snout to tip of the tail) may be retained.

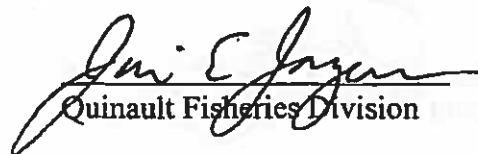
All Green Sturgeon must be released immediately when encountered.

White Sturgeon must be measured immediately upon removal from net. The removal, or mutilation, of the head or tail of any sturgeon prior to delivery is prohibited.

Please watch for plastic spaghetti tags located near the top fin of the sturgeon. Report tag number and color, date and location caught, length, and whether the fish was retained or released. The information can be reported to the Quinault Fisheries Division.

Justification: This regulation was discussed and voted on by the Quinault River Fish Committee on July 27, 2010.


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Quinault River General Regulation Addendum--04 Sport and Guide Fishing Restrictions

TO: Quinault Tribal Members
Quinault Fisheries Enforcement
FROM: Quinault River Fish Committee
DATE: October 19, 2012
SUBJECT: Quinault River Sport and Guide Hook and Line Fishing Restrictions – for 10 day posting.

- 1) The Quinault River Hook and Line regulation for Guiding and Sport Fishing includes the provision that the sale of fish caught in these fisheries is strictly prohibited.

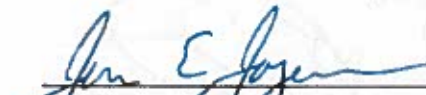
This provision was adopted by a vote of the Quinault River Fish Committee on Sept. 7, 2011.

- 2) The Quinault River Hook and Line regulation for Guiding and Sport Fishing includes the provision guiding On-Reservation in the Quinault River below the area known as the "Ranch" is prohibited.

This provision was confirmed by a vote of the Quinault River Fish Committee on Oct.. 5, 2012.

Mandatory Reporting of Catch: Under Title 51, sections 51.10 Reporting, subsection 51.10.010 (b) and section 51.13 Sport Fishing, Guiding, Boating and Aircraft Access, subsection 51.13.020 (d); the mandatory reporting of all sport caught or guide caught fish by hook and line has been required to be made to the "Director or agency designated by the Business Committee".


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Quinault River General Regulation Addendum-05 Use of Hoop Net for Commercial Salmon Fishing

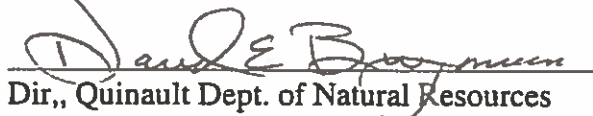
TO: Quinault Tribal Members
Quinault Fisheries Enforcement
FROM: Quinault River Fish Committee
DATE: Oct. 18, 2012
SUBJECT: Quinault River Commercial Fishing with a Hoop Net— Allowed for Flows
greater than **4,500 cfs** for Ground holders – for 10 day posting

The Quinault River Fish Committee on Oct. 18, 2012 adopted a provision for the General Regulation that allows the use of a Hoop Net for commercial salmon fishing at flows greater than 4,500 cfs, provided the ground holder and their helpers are not fishing set-net gear at the same time.

Hoop Net requirements:

- 1) Can be operated by no more than one person.
- 2) Must be operated by an authorized commercial gill-net fisher.
- 3) The hoop net and its handle cannot be attached to any rigid object or anchored to the shore or river bottom.
- 4) Net bag opening must be fully enclosed by a frame. (*pole nets are prohibited*)
- 5) The net cannot be operated within 255 feet of an operating set net location.
- 6) The commercial gill-net fishery must be open.
- 7) The associated catch must be designated on the commercial catch report with the gear type "Hoop net or Dip-net" identified or reported directly to fisheries, whether sold commercially or as take-home fish.
- 8) The fisher must report their intent and location and duration of fishing effort to fish in this manner to fisheries enforcement prior to beginning their activity in person or by voice message to the Chief of Fisheries Enforcement.

Justification: This provision was passed by the Quinault River Fish Committee on Oct. 17, 2012.


Dir., Quinault Dept. of Natural Resources


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