

Quinault Indian Nation
2025 Fishing, Boating and Use Regulation

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QUINAULT INDIAN NATION LAKE QUINAULT 2021 FISHING, BOATING and USE REGULATION

Lake Quinault (Lake) is located within the exterior boundaries of the Quinault Indian Reservation and is owned up to its Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) entirely by the Quinault Indian Nation (QIN); all persons who enter onto Lake Quinault below its OHWM are required to conform to Quinault tribal laws. Violators are subject to enforcement and seizure of all gear and boats under Titles 51 and 61 of the Quinault Tribal Code in the Quinault Tribal Court at Taholah.

1. Protection and restoration of natural habitats in Lake Quinault are priority policy objectives of QIN. QIN wants to allow uses of the Lake for the enjoyment of its members, neighbors and visitors that are compatible with these objectives. From this perspective, QIN is developing a comprehensive management and regulatory package to govern protection, restoration and uses of the Lake. In the interim, while the comprehensive package is developed, QIN will allow some restricted uses and activities on the Lake. Use of the Lake bed or waters is authorized only according to these regulations, which are adopted under authority of QIN Titles 51 and 61: This regulation is effective until rescinded or superseded by a subsequent regulation, or until the QIN adopts comprehensive management and regulatory statutes to govern protection, restoration and uses of Lake Quinault, whichever occurs first.
2. Lake Quinault is defined as the bed and waters of the Lake up to and including the ordinary high water mark (OHWM). Exposed beaches above the wetted perimeter and below the OHWM are included.
3. Over-water structures, as used in this regulation, means any object over, on or within the waters of Lake Quinault constructed or assembled by any persons. These objects include, but are not limited to, docks, platforms, piers, walkways, boat houses, boats and booms.
4. For purposes of this regulation, "boat" means any vessel authorized by QIN for use on the Lake. Such vessels shall include boats, skiffs, dories, canoes, kayaks, paddle or surf boards, and rafts.
5. For purposes of this regulation, "boating" means the use of any permitted vessel propelled on water by paddle, oars, sails, motor or engine, including but not limited to canoes, kayaks, paddle or surf boards, and rafts.
6. No new over-water structures are authorized to be constructed or deployed in or on the Lake. Over-water structures previously seasonally deployed under QIN-issued permit may be re-deployed upon receipt of a Hydraulic Project Approval under QIN Title 61.
7. Entry onto the Lake to access pre-existing over-water structures for authorized and/or permitted purposes is hereby authorized.

8. Swimming, wading, walking, or simply being present on the Lake are hereby authorized without specific permits. Use of items commonly associated with swimming such as inner tubes, inflatable mattresses, and the like are not considered to be “boats” and are allowed for use during swimming activities.
9. The following uses require applicable permit(s) or license(s) to be obtained from QIN through its Division of Natural Resources (QDNR): fishing; water withdrawals; discharge into the Lake of any liquid or solid material; vegetation maintenance within the Lake; placement or removal of fill or any solid material below the OHWM; repairing or maintaining a pre-existing dock or other over-water structure; re-deploying seasonal dock or over-water structure; boating with the use of a certified boat. All other uses of the Lake are prohibited except by written authorization by resolution of the Quinault Business Committee. Repairing pre-existing dock or other over-water structure requires a Building Permit from the QIN Planning Department.
10. Removal of standing trees, wood, or other objects from the area below the OHWM is prohibited and constitutes theft and trespass. In the event wood or other objects are creating a risk of harm to human health and safety or property damage, contact the QDNR to request a permit for removal, which will be considered discretionarily by QDNR under Title 61.
11. The Director of the Quinault Division of Natural Resources shall develop an annual fee schedule (attached) for fishing and boating use on Lake Quinault of which required fees shall be paid prior to the use of the Lake.
12. Boating by other than enrolled members of the Quinault Indian Nation on Lake Quinault is authorized until closed by the QIN under the following conditions:
 - a. Only certified boats will be allowed on the Lake.
 - b. “Certified boat” is defined as a boat that has been inspected and certified by QDNR or its designee to be free of invasive species and has not left the Quinault River system since certification. Once a boat leaves the Quinault River system it loses its certification and must be re-inspected and re-certified by QDNR or its designee. Quinault River system means the Quinault River upstream and downstream of Lake Quinault.
 - c. Certified boats must display a current QIN decal indicating certification by QDNR or its designee to be on Lake Quinault.
 - d. Discharging bilge water from boats, by any means, is strictly prohibited.
 - e. Boats powered by internal combustion engines may be used only during the open fishing season and times unless permitted otherwise. They are prohibited during periods the Lake is closed to fishing both daily and seasonally.
 - f. Maximum boat speed allowed on Lake Quinault is 25 mph, except boat speed within 100 yards of the wetted shoreline may not exceed 5 mph.
 - g. Boats cannot be used for towing recreational devices such as water skis, wakeboards and inner tubes.
 - h. Vessels with water-jet drives, including jet skis and wetbikes, are not allowed on the Lake; provided however, certified Recreational boats powered by jet pumps

and used for fishing and sight-seeing are allowed on the Lake during the fishing season or under written permission by the QDNR.

- i. Aircraft are not allowed on Lake Quinault.
- j. Special permits must be obtained from the Quinault Business Committee for boat racing or any other activities that require boat speeds in excess of 25 mph.
- k. Enrolled members of the Quinault Indian Nation must have boats inspected by QDNR or its designee and obtain a decal at no charge.

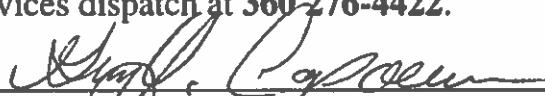
13. Sport fishing openings will be by Addendum to this Regulation on an annual basis.

- a. Only daylight fishing is allowed. Fishing is prohibited from one hour after the official time of sunset to one hour before the official time of sunrise. Each person not an enrolled member of QIN must obtain a fishing permit from QDNR or its authorized agent acting for this purpose as identified in the annual Addendum. A valid permit must be carried by each permitted person while engaged in fishing activities on the Lake. Indian persons not enrolled members of QIN must also obtain a fishing permit.
- b. Fishing gear is limited to hook-and-line and bow-and-arrow gear. The bow-and-arrow gear can only be used to capture carp.
- c. No more than one pole or line is allowed per person. Only one hook, lure, fly, plug or arrow is allowed per line. Only single-point barbless hooks are allowed; no double or treble hooks.
- d. Lures such as spinners, spoons, and flashers are limited to two blades, each blade not more than 2 inches by 3 inches in dimensions and one single-point barbless hook.
- e. Fishing gear within a boat operating on Lake Quinault or in possession of a person fishing on Lake Quinault must be limited to the types and characteristics authorized by this regulation. Salmon fishing gear is prohibited.
- f. Fishing for and/or possession of all salmon, including steelhead greater than 16-inches fork length (fork length is measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail) and blueback salmon are strictly prohibited.
- g. The Lake within 200 yards of the mouth of the Upper Quinault River is closed to fishing.
- h. Scattering of feed or other materials (chumming), or the use of light, to attract fish is prohibited.
- i. Use of live bait is allowed as follows:
 - i. Using live fish for bait is prohibited.
 - ii. Live aquatic animals, other than fish (e.g. snails, insect larvae), can be used for bait but they must be live aquatic animals from the Quinault River System.
 - iii. Live terrestrial organisms such as worms, insects and snails can be used as bait.

- j. Daily fish catch and possession limits (bag limits) for Lake Quinault are as follows:
- i. Salmon fishing and/or possession is prohibited;
 - ii. Twelve (12) trout greater than 7-inches fork length;
 - iii. Rainbow Trout must be greater than 7 inches and less than 16-inches fork length;
 - iv. Four (4) native char (Dolly Varden);
 - v. There are no catch and/or possession limits for carp and Peamouth;
14. Any persons using or entering Lake Quinault below its OHWM agree, by their presence on the Lake and/or acquisition of appropriate permits, to allow inspections of their fishing gear, boats, over-water structures and fish in possession, and seizure under QIN Titles 51 and 61 of unlawfully possessed boats, gear or fish, by QIN enforcement officers and natural resources staff. These regulations do not apply to QIN staff, including public safety, resource protection and natural resources personnel, when in the performance of their work duties. QIN contractors, research collaborators, or any other entity performing work or activities under QIN authorization must notify the QDNR in writing of their anticipated timing and activities at least five (5) business days prior to commencement and receive written authorization from the Director of QDNR before commencing said work or activities.
15. The Quinault Business Committee reserves the right to authorize additional specific activities or permit other specific activities and will do so through resolution adoption.

Observation of violation of these regulations can be reported to Quinault Nation Safety Services dispatch at 360-276-4422.

Signed


Quinault Business Committee Executive

Date 5/12/2021



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LAKE QUINAULT FISHING, BOATING AND USE REGULATION ADDENDUM 2025-01

Lake Quinault (Lake) is located within the exterior boundaries of the Quinault Indian Reservation and is owned up to its Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) entirely by the Quinault Indian Nation and this ownership has been adjudicated in several courts. Protection and restoration of natural habitats in Lake Quinault are priority policy objectives of QIN. QIN wants to allow uses of the Lake for the enjoyment of its members, neighbors and visitors that are compatible with these objectives.

Lake Quinault is open to sport fishing and power boating April 26, 2025 through October 31, 2025. Fishing is only allowed during daylight and is prohibited from one hour after the official time of sunset to one hour before the official time of sunrise and consistent with provisions of the **Lake Quinault Boating, Fishing and Use Regulations** dated May 12, 2021.

Only Certified Resident Boats or Inspected Non-Resident Boats are allowed on Lake Quinault. Please see **Lake Quinault Boat Use Procedure and Certification** for clarity on boat certification. All Certified and Inspected Boats are required to display a 2025 Certification Decal for identification.

Note-In 2025, the requirement to have a permit for fishing on Lake Quinault and the purchase of a boat decal for use of boats on the Lake as required in several sections of the QUINAULT INDIAN NATION LAKE QUINAULT 2017 FISHING, BOATING and USE REGULATION will not be required for those participating in the QIN sponsored Lake Quinault Fishing Derby. Proof of participation in the Derby will be through presentation of the Fishing Derby Ticket purchased for the event. **Inspection of Non-Resident Boats is still required prior to entry into the lake.**

Fishermen are required to report their catch to the Quinault Nation Permits Office within 72 hours of catch by either phone call to 360 276-8215, extension 7372 or email to Alison.Boyer@quinault.org. Please report by day caught, species caught and number of each species.

For convenience, the daily bag limits in the FISHING, BOATING and USE regulations are as follows-

Daily fish catch and possession limits (bag limits) for Lake Quinault are as follows:

- i. Salmon fishing and/or possession is prohibited, including steelhead-rainbow trout greater than 16-inches fork length;
- ii. Sixteen (16) fish greater than 7-inches fork length of which not more than four (4) can be native char (Dolly Varden);
- iii. Rainbow Trout must be greater than 7 inches and less than 16-inches fork length;
- iv. There are no catch and/or possession limits for carp and Peamouth;

Signed


Quinault Business Committee Executive

Date

4/15/2025

2025 Lake Quinault Boating Use Fee Schedule

For purposes of this schedule, "boating" means the use of any permitted vessel propelled on water by paddle, oars, sails, motor or engine, including but not limited to boats, skiffs, dories, canoes, kayaks, paddle or surf boards, and rafts. Vessels with water-jet drives are not allowed on the Lake. These vessels include jet boats, jet skis and wet bikes. Use of items commonly associated with swimming such as inner tubes, inflatable mattresses, and the like are not considered to be "boats" and are allowed for use during swimming activities.

There are two different colored boat decals that will be issued:

boats that are only used within the Quinault River system (lower-river, upper-river and lake) are classified as "RESIDENT", and

boats that are, or have been, used on other water bodies, either within the state of Washington or outside, these boats will be classified as "NON-RESIDENT" boats.

Annual Fees

Canoes, kayaks, paddle or surf boards, rafts and the like, and other non-motorized boats (sail & row boats) under 8 feet in length.

Non-commercial- \$15.00 for first boat owned and \$5.00 for each additional.

Commercial- \$15.00 for each boat, no break for additional boats owned

Boats 8 feet in length or longer, including sail boats, electric or internal combustion powered, except non-motorized canoes, kayaks, paddle or surf boards and the like.

Non-Commercial- \$20.00 for each boat.

Commercial- \$20.00 for each boat

Multi-passenger commercial tour boats

\$100.00 for each boat

Multi-passenger pontoon boats, or similar, not used for commercial purposes shall pay the rate of a regular non-commercial use boat of \$20.00.

Any boat classified as a "resident boat" that is removed from the Quinault River system (upper river, lower river and lake) and used in another body of water, must be re-inspected prior to entry into the Quinault River system and is subject to prevailing charge for inspection and loses its "resident" status.

2025 Lake Quinault Fishing Permits

Fishing permits are available to fish in Lake Quinault.

Annual Fishing permit is \$35, which is good for the annual regulated fishing season on the lake.

Short-term permits are also available. Base cost for a 3 consecutive-day permit is \$10. Additional days can be added at \$2.00 for each additional consecutive day. Therefore-

<u>Days</u>	<u>Cost</u>
3	\$10
4	\$12
5	\$14
6	\$16
7	\$18
8	\$20
9	\$22
10	\$24
11	\$26
12	\$28
13	\$30
14	\$32
16	\$34

Lake Quinault Boat Use Procedure

Resident Boats-

Resident boats are defined as boats only used on Lake Quinault and never used on any other body of water. They do not need to be stored at Lake Quinault, but owner must affirm, through the Declaration, that they have not and will not be used at other locations without informing QIN of such prior to re-entry into Lake Quinault. Resident boats will be sold a decal denoting them as Resident Boats.

Procedure-

- Resident boat owners will be reviewed to determine their boats qualify for resident boat status.
- The boat owner/operator will be required to sign a Declaration declaring the boat will only be used on Lake Quinault.
- Once Declaration is signed, owner/operator is authorized to purchase a Resident Decal for the boat.

Non-Resident (transient) Boats-

Non-resident boats are those that are, or have been, used on other water bodies, either within the state of Washington or outside. Non-resident boats must be inspected prior to entering Lake Quinault. The boat inspectors will ask questions concerning the prior location and use of the boat. If the boat has been out of state or in other high risk locations, the boat will be denied access to Lake Quinault until it is inspected and declared "clean" by authorized and qualified inspectors. At this time, the only authorized inspectors for this purpose are those trained and certified Level 2 inspectors of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Procedure-

- Non-resident boats will be required to undergo an inspection procedure prior to entry into Lake Quinault. Depending upon conditions found during the inspection procedure, they may be denied access to the Lake.
- If denied access to the Lake, the boat owner/operator will be informed why access is denied and what remedies are available to gain access to the Lake.
- If the boat is allowed access to the Lake, the owner will be provided a document stating they are allowed access, which will show permission to purchase a non-resident decal for the boat.

- If a non-resident decal has been previously purchased for the current year, the boat must still go through an inspection procedure prior to each expected entry into the Lake. If the inspection procedure allows access to the Lake, the boat may enter the water. If the inspection procedure denies access, the boat must follow prescribed procedures prior to entry into the Lake, even though a non-resident decal has been prior purchased.

Boats denied access to Lake Quinault can be inspected by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife inspectors to determine if they qualify as decontaminated and invasive free. With proof of inspection and clearance, they can be provided access to Lake Quinault. The nearest inspection station to Lake Quinault is located at the WDFW regional office in Montesano. However, an appointment is needed to get a boat inspection. They may be contacted at 360 249-4628. For further information about aquatic invasive species and boat inspections, the WDFW Aquatic Invasive Species Unit may be contacted at 360 902-2724.

QIN Boat Decal Numbers:

Date Approved:

Inspector:

DECLARATION REGARDING PREVENTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES INTO LAKE QUINAULT

I declare as follows:

1. I am a legal owner of property abutting or near Lake Quinault, Washington, address:

2. I understand the serious implications of the spread of certain invasive species, such as , New Zealand mud snails, quagga and zebra mussels, knotweed and Brazilian elodea, and that such species can cause extensive environmental and economic damage that could include a decline in fisheries and costly management practices.

3. I understand that such invasive species can be transported by watercraft and recreational equipment, boat trailers, and recreational accessories (boots, paddles, etc.).

4. I am the legal owner of the following boats (include type, make, model, hull serial #, registration #, brief description, if applicable): (attach pictures if available and indicate if used for commercial purposes)

5. The above-identified boat(s) has only been used in Lake Quinault or the Quinault River within the last 6 months.

6. If I use the above-identified boat(s) in waters other than Lake Quinault or the Quinault River, I will not reintroduce that boat(s) into Lake Quinault or Quinault River waters until it is cleaned and inspected by the Quinault Indian Nation or their authorized inspectors.

7. By signing this and displaying the required sticker on my watercraft(s), I agree with the statements above and pledge to be informed on aquatic invasive species and to help keep invasive species out of Lake Quinault and Quinault River waters.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2020 in _____, WA.

Printed Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number:

Signature