NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE SUBTIDAL GEODUCK EMERGENCY REGULATION #2025-2026-05

The Nisqually Indian Tribe promulgates the following regulation. This fishery shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Federal District Court Order CV 9213, Sub-proceeding No. 89-3.

DATE ADOPTED:

June 17, 2025

EFFECTIVE DATE(S):

June 20, 2025 – July 09, 2025 or until superseded

SUPERSEDES:

None

CATCH AREA (28A):

Fox Island North (#11200) (Fox Island Growing Area) Nisqually (#13800) (Nisqually Reach Growing Area)

FISHERY TYPE:

Commercial

SPECIES:

Geoduck clam, Panopea abrupta

ON/OFF RESERVATION:

Off

LEGAL GEAR:

High pressure, handheld water jet, continuous 5/8" inside

diameter

DAYS/HOURS:

Nisqually (#13800)

will be open Saturday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays.

from 7am to 3pm

Fox Island North (#11200)

will be open Sundays. from 7am to 3pm

ESTIMATED EFFORT:

8 Vessels

ESTIMATED HARVEST:

approximately 6,000 pounds per day

QUOTAS:

Eligible *returning* divers may take up to **2,160** pounds of their original IDQ in Subregion C (the Nisqually area) *and*

675 pounds in Subregion B (the In-common area).

New and Recertified divers may take up to 1,000 pounds in

Subregion C (the Nisqually area.).

REPORTING:

All geoduck clam sales must be recorded on Treaty Indian Fish Receiving Tickets. The following information should be included: 2012 Geoduck Atlas tract number, commercial pounds, harvester name, buyer name and harvester signature.

Subsistence pounds must be recorded separately on the monitor

weigh out slips.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Harvest activities must comply with the Tribal 2025/26 Annual Shellfish Regulations.

Only Nisqually Tribal members or NDNR staff are allowed on Nisqually vessels unless otherwise approved in writing by the Nisqually Fish Commission.

Commingling Geoduck clams from tracts is strictly prohibited. Geoduck must be weighed out and tagged prior to leaving the Tract.

All boat captains shall radio/call the geoduck monitor as each diver enters/exits the water.

Individuals are solely responsible for tracking the pounds remaining in their IDQ.

Disposing of geoduck shell in marine waters is prohibited.

JUSTIFICATION:

Harvest available Geoduck clam resource.

APPROVED:

Nisqually Fish Commission

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