

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE
CRAB REGULATION FOR REGION 7
#2026/27-05

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 19, 2026
EFFECTIVE DATE:	June 21, 2025 – December 31, 2025
REGULATION SUPERCEDED:	NONE
SPECIES	Dungeness Crab, <i>Cancer magister</i> Red Rock Crab, <i>Cancer productus</i>
ON/OFF RESERVATION:	OFF
FISHERY TYPE:	<u>Subsistence</u>
CATCH AREA(s):	28B, and the portion of 28A east of the line drawn from Johnson Point to Devils Head.
DAYS/HOURS:	Open 7 Days a week, from 1 hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset each day.
LEGAL GEAR:	Traps (pots) with two escape rings not less than 4.25 inches inside diameter located on the top half of the trap, and a 3 inch × 5 inch biodegradable cord (natural fiber, maximum thread size 120) panel, or loop must be attached to the lid hook. Ring nets, Dip nets, Scuba diving, Any hand-operated instruments that do not penetrate the shell.
GEAR LIMITS:	The maximum number of subsistence pots per harvester is 4.
SEX AND SIZE RESTRICTION:	Measuring at the widest point on the carapace (immediately in front of, but not including, the outside of the tips): <u>Only male <i>Dungeness crabs</i> that are a minimum of 6.25 inches, and</u> <u>Male or female <i>Red Rock Crab</i> that are a minimum of 5.00 inches may be harvested.</u>

All soft-shelled crab, undersized crab, and female Dungeness crab must be returned to the water unharmed.

ESTIMATED EFFORT

2 Vessels

HARVEST LIMIT

Combined Treaty harvest is not to exceed 1,000 pounds of Dungeness Crab or 1,000 pounds of Red Rock crab.

Subsistence harvest is limited to no more than 7 Dungeness crab and 10 Red Rock crab per person per day.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:

Harvest activities must comply with the Tribal 2026/27 Annual Shellfish Regulations

Crabbers must have a subsistence card in their possession while participating in this fishery. Cards are available at the Tribal Fisheries office.

All crab retained must be reported the Tribal Fisheries office within 7 days of harvest.

All unattended pot gear must be attached with weighted line to buoys capable of floating a 5-lb weight with a Nisqually Tribal identification number and the letters "NISQ" clearly marked on the buoy.

All gear must be attended at least once every 7 days.

JUSTIFICATION:

Subsistence

APPROVED:

Approved via phone poll conducted on June 19, 2026. Signatures will be available upon request.

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