

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE
EMERGENCY REGULATION 8-2025
December 16, 2025

In accordance with Section 14.23.02 of Nisqually Tribal Code, Title 14-Chapter 2, as amended by the Tribal Council effective 7/1/91, the Nisqually Fish Commission has adopted the following fishery modification effective December 21, 2025 for the Nisqually River.

Regulation Modified: None

Fishery Opens: Sunday noon to Wednesday noon until further notice

Nighttime Closure: Closed 5 p.m. to 7 a.m.

SPECIES: Chum

Fishery Type: Commercial

Gear Type: Gill Net

Mesh Restriction: None

Area: Nisqually River mouth to downstream end of Clear Creek side channel at the Nisqually at flagging.

Special Provision: Nets must be removed from river within 1 week of closure date or owner will be cited for Littering (14.14.03 Title 14).

Nisqually Commercial Regulations as defined by 2025/26 Annual Regulations:

1. Commercial and C+S Fisheries -Any combination of 2 gill nets per active fisher combined cannot exceed 250 feet in length. No singular set net can exceed 125 feet in length. No drift gill net can exceed 70 feet in length.
2. No net shall extend beyond 1/3 the width of the channel of the Nisqually River at any tide.
3. Chum-all mouths and courses of sloughs and side channels are closed.
4. All nets shall be clearly identified with NISQ and fishing ID number with letters no less than 1" in height. Buoys from recycled jugs from nontoxic products only.
5. All nets can be tended only by owner and or authorized assistant-“active fisher”. Gill nets shall be tended not less than once every 24 hours.
6. Fishing locations in freshwater areas shall be not less than 250 feet apart.

SPECIAL SPECIES CONCERN: GREEN AND WHITE STURGEON

FISHERY TYPE: INCEDENTAL; ALL STURGEON CAUGHT DURING ANY DIRECTED FISHERY IS TO BE RELEASED ALIVE.

Justification: Harvestable Chum

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