

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE
SUBSISTENCE CRAYFISH EMERGENCY REGULATION
#2026-2027-03

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:	May 19, 2026
EFFECTIVE DATE(S):	May 23, 2026 – October 31, 2026
FISHERY TYPE:	Subsistence
SPECIES:	Crayfish (<i>Pacifastacus spp.</i>)
SUPERSEDES:	NONE
ON/OFF RESERVATION:	On/Off
OPEN AREA(S):	Harts Lake, Lawrence Lake, Silver Lake, St Clair Lake, Mineral Lake, and the Nisqually River
LEGAL GEAR:	A maximum of ten (10) pieces of gear may include, but are not limited to, shellfish pots, ring nets, star traps, collection by hand or hand dipnets, scuba, or any hand-operated instrument that will not penetrate the shell.
DAYS/HOURS:	Monday-Sunday, from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
HARVEST LIMIT(S):	No more than 10 pounds of <i>native</i> crayfish per person/day. There is no daily limit for harvest of non-native crawfish.
SEX AND SIZE RESTRICTION :	The minimum size for crawfish is 3-1/4 inches in length from the tip of the rostrum (nose) to the tip of the tail.
CATCH REPORTING:	All subsistence harvests must be reported to the Nisqually Natural Resources Department on a bi-weekly basis. A subsistence tag will be issued to each harvester by the Natural Resources Department to report catches on. Subsistence harvest tags must be submitted before another is issued.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Nonnative species must be in a separate container.

Nonnative crawfish must be dead before removal from immediate water body vicinity. If you cannot positively ID the crayfish you must kill it before leaving the area,

All undersized native crawfish and female native crawfish with eggs or young attached to the abdomen must be immediately returned unharmed to the waters from which taken, before pulling any additional gear.

It is the responsibility of the individual to obtain all permits needed to access the Joint Base Lewis McChord and call into the JBLM Range Control hotline (253-967-6277) to ensure that the area in which they intend to fish is open the day of fishing.

JUSTIFICATION:

Harvest for subsistence purposes.

APPROVED:



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