

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE
EMERGENCY REGULATION 3-2026/2027
9-21-2026 2026

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 October 11, 2026 for the Nisqually River 83D.

Regulation Modified: None

SPECIES: COHO

Fishery Type: Commercial

Gear Type: Gill Net

Mesh Restriction: max 6"

Gill Net Days and hours open: three days a week October 11th through November 11th:
Sunday noon to Wednesday noon

Nighttime Closure – Closed 10 p.m. to 1 hour before Sunrise

Area: Nisqually River mouth to Clear Creek mouth at Flagging through October 21st.
Nisqually River mouth to flagging below Kalama Creek from October 25th through
November 11th.

Nisqually Commercial Regulations as defined by 2026 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. 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.
4. 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.
5. Fishing locations in freshwater areas shall be not less than 250 feet apart.
6. All nets are to be removed from the river at the end of Coho season. Any nets remaining after November 11th, 2026 will be considered abandoned and will be removed by the Tribal Law Enforcement Patrol and owner will be cited for littering.

SPECIAL SPECIES CONCERN: GREEN AND WHITE STURGEON

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

Justification: Harvestable Coho




