

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE
COMMERCIAL GEODUCK EMERGENCY REGULATION
#2026-2027-11

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: September 21, 2026

EFFECTIVE DATE(S): September 23, 2026 – October 18, 2026

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 (Nisqually Reach Growing Area)
will be open Wednesdays, & Thursdays
From 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Fox Island North #11200 (Fox Island Growing Area)
will be open Fridays
From 7:30 am to 3:30 pm

*note divers must stay within the tract boundary and no shallower than -20 feet (MLLW) and no deeper than -70 feet MLLW on the Fox Island North tract.

ESTIMATED EFFORT: 7 Vessels

ESTIMATED HARVEST: Approximately 6,000 pounds per day

QUOTAS: Eligible Boats may take up to 850 pounds in Subregion B (the In-common area: Fox Island North), and 1,700 pounds in Subregion C (the Nisqually Area: Nisqually).

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 2026/27 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.

Comingling 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.

Sales of Subsistence and take home pounds is prohibited.

Disposing of geoduck shell in marine waters is prohibited.

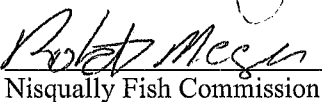
Note:

Remaining pounds will be allocated in Fish Commission on Monday, October 19th

JUSTIFICATION:

Harvest available Geoduck clam resource. **Reallocation of remaining Nisqually TAC. Moving tract days. Shifting times to reflect later sunset.**


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