

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE
SUBTIDAL GEODUCK EMERGENCY REGULATION
#2026-2027-02

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: April 21, 2026

EFFECTIVE DATE(S): April 27, 2026 – July 06, 2026

SUPERSEDES: #2026-2027-01

CATCH AREA (28A): Wollochet East #10800 (Wollochet Bay Growing Area)
Nisqually #13800 (Nisqually Reach Growing Area)
Puget/Mill Bight –aka Millget (#14000) (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:

Wollochet East #10800 (Wollochet Bay Growing Area)
will be open Mondays
From 8am to 4pm

*note divers must stay within the tract boundary and no shallower than -25 feet (MLLW) and no deeper than -70 feet MLLW on the Wollochet East tract.

Puget/Mill Bight –aka Millget (#14000) (Nisqually Reach Growing Area)
will be open Tuesdays, & Wednesdays
From 8am to 4pm

Nisqually #13800 (Nisqually Reach Growing Area)
will be open Thursdays, & Fridays
From 8am to 4pm

ESTIMATED EFFORT: 8 Vessels

ESTIMATED HARVEST: Approximately 6,000 pounds per day

QUOTAS: Eligible *returning* divers may take up to **1,200** pounds of their original IDQ off of the Nisqually Tract (#13800) and 1,200 pounds off of the Millget Tract (#14000), **and 800** pounds in Subregion B (the In-common area).
New and Recertified divers may take up to 500 pounds of their original IDQ off of the Nisqually Tract (#13800) and 500 pounds off of the Millget Tract (#14000).

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.

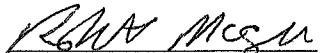
Sales of Subsistence and take home pounds is prohibited.

Disposing of geoduck shell in marine waters is prohibited.

JUSTIFICATION:

Harvest available Geoduck clam resource. Moving of Wollochet East Geoduck Tract (#10800) opening to Mondays.


APPROVED:


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