

# FISHING RULES

## Non-Tribal:

Contact WDFW for fishing regulations  
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations>

## Tribal:

Lummi Natural Resources  
(360) 380-6899 Fishing Hotline

Nooksack Natural Resources  
(360)-592-5140 Fishing Hotline

SINCE TIME  
IMMEMORIAL

## TREATY OF POINT ELLIOTT

Article 5- The right of taking fish at usual and accustomed grounds and stations is further secured to said Indians, in common with all citizens of the United States; and of erecting temporary houses for the purpose of curing; together with the privilege of hunting and gathering roots and berries on open and unclaimed lands.

Fishing at this location is a reserved treaty right. Judge Boldt confirmed that citizen fishing is a privilege while Tribal fishing is a right. WDFW and Tribal Natural Resources departments co-manage these rights and privileges.



WHATCOM  
CREEK  
FISHERY

LUMMI TRADITIONAL  
FISHING GROUNDS



# A TERMINAL FISHERY

The intent behind this separated Chinook hatchery program is to provide prey for Orca whales and human harvest opportunity. Whatcom Creek is ideal for this program because the falls discourage passage and spawning in the creek.

## MARINE DERIVED NUTRIENTS

Decomposing salmon provide marine derived nutrients to a highly modified and disturbed Whatcom Creek waterway. The dead salmon will be eaten by birds, mammals, and benthic macroinvertebrates. Nutrients from salmon will also nourish the trees and plants along the creek.

## SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALE RECOVERY

### CHINOOK SALMON

With only ~75 southern resident orca whales remaining, hatchery Chinook play a critical role supporting these "relatives under the waves".

### BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE

In collaboration with co-managers, BTC students release ~500,000 Chinook annually for orca recovery.



### WHATCOM CREEK HISTORY

A fishing village and Lummi longhouse stood here for years before settlers came. It is an important site for many Lummi families today.

Since 1855, when the Treaty of Point Elliott was signed and Tribal members were forced to relocate, Whatcom Creek has undergone massive change and disturbance.

Since contact, this location has been a lumber mill, a garbage dump, a wastewater treatment plant, and filled in with dredge spoils. Toxic waste cleanup efforts are still in progress.

