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2025-012 SJI GEODUCK REGULATION

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Filing Organization: Lummi

EFFECTIVE DATES 3/21/2025 to 3/31/2027

AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Suquamish Tribe, Point No Point Treaty Council, Tulalip Tribes, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Nooksack Tribe, Upper Skagit Tribe, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and Washington Department of Health.

CATCH AREA Geoduck Tract 02800, NE Alden Bank

SPECIES Geoduck Clam (*Panopea generosa*)

LEGAL GEAR Divers with hand-held manually operated water jet, with a water jet nozzle 5/8 inch inside diameter or less.

FISHERY TYPE Commercial

DAYS/HOURS BY GEAR OPEN April 4th, 2025
CLOSE: March 31st, 2027

Target harvest dates will be updated in subsequent regulations.
This fishery will open pending results of PSP biotoxin sampling and **favorable weather conditions**.

TARGET HARVEST 10,256 pounds

RESTRICTIONS

1. Harvest limited to harvest objective identified above.
2. The February 2019 version of the Lummi Nation Commercial Harvest Diving Standards (hereafter, the standards) must be observed pursuant to Regulation 2019-09.
3. Parties participating in dive harvest operations must be classified by the Lummi Natural Resources Department (LNR) pursuant to the standards and Regulation 2019-09.
4. Unless otherwise directed by LNR, the fleet will meet with an LNR representative to receive information packets concerning the fishery prior to opening. Information packets include a tract map indicating tract corner points in Lat/Long, tide corrections and predicted tides, copy of LNR regulation, copy of LNR Hotline bulletin, monitor log, and shellfish sanitation information. All commercial geoduck harvesters are verified in advance by LNR staff, the monitor or designee.
5. All harvesters must provide information requested by LNR staff, the monitor or designee, and LNR enforcement officers observing the fishery.
6. Diving will be restricted to that portion of the tract marked on a map with outside corner coordinates provided by LNR to each vessel prior to the opening.
7. Diving activities must take place during daylight hours only.
8. No harvester shall begin the harvest until the anchor is set and the vessel's latitude and longitude is confirmed to be inside the tract boundaries provided by LNR staff and/or the monitors.
9. The Lummi NE Alden Bank geoduck fishery is normally completed in two consecutive days. The first day is a "derby-style" opener with a pre-determined closing time, usually based on shipping constraints of the buyer(s). All divers must be out of the water when the tract closes, with vessels returning to port shortly thereafter. If there are pounds remaining to be harvested the following day (hereafter, the "mop-up"), any remaining pounds will be split equally amongst the vessels present during the "mop-up". The "mop-up" also closes at a pre-determined time, with vessels returning to port shortly thereafter.
10. Any vessel and/or harvester that exceeds their mop-up share by 10% or more will forfeit the overage to LNR staff and/or Lummi enforcement officers and may face additional penalties in future openers. Proceeds from the sale of mop-up overages typically benefit the Lummi Elders Program.
11. All harvest must be reported to the monitor or designee upon sorting and placement into crates, and a shellfish health tag with the required, relevant harvest information shall be filled out and inserted in the geoduck crate.
12. All sales will be to a WDOH certified shellfish buyer.
13. Harvesters may not sell out until monitor or designee is present to oversee the sale.
14. All sales will be recorded on Treaty Indian Shellfish Receiving Tickets and counter signed by monitor or designee and shall include any additional information required by applicable NSSP, MO provisions.
15. All provisions of the Geoduck Dive Harvest Operations plan filed with the WDOH must be followed with respect to applicable NSSP, MO provisions therein identified.
16. Harvest will be prohibited in depths greater than -70 feet uncorrected and less than -18 feet corrected to mean lower low water, or when eel grass extends below the corrected -18 foot level harvesting shall be at least 2 vertical feet deeper and seaward of eelgrass beds.
17. All landings and sellout of geoduck from the Alden Bank Geoduck Tract will occur at Fisherman's Cove- 2557 Lummi View Dr, Bellingham, WA 98226. Vessels should report directly to the sales site.
18. If anyone develops COVID-19 symptoms, the crew member is to call the Public Health phone line immediately (360-383-8251) to report symptoms and to undergo screening.
19. The target harvest represents 10,775 lbs of Lummi's shares for the 2023-2025 San Juan Island Management Plan and 5,387 lbs of Nooksack's shares based upon the Memorandum of Agreement between the Nooksack Indian Tribe and the Lummi Nation on the 26th of May, 2023.
20. Must observe all provisions of Title 10. for further testing.

CATCH MONITORING

Harvest of geoduck shall be monitored by Natural Resources Enforcement Officers on-site and by LNR staff remotely to ensure that landings by treaty harvesters do not exceed the agreed allocations.

EXPECTED EFFORT 7 vessels and 15 divers.

CELL NUMBERS

Contact Sgt. Ed Conway (360-410-6813) for onsite enforcement information. Contact Thomas Olsen (360-441-2113), or Megan Russell (206-948-1016) for off-site information.

JUSTIFICATION

This notice is to pursue harvest in the absence of a signed co-manager agreement of the 2025-2027 San Juan Island/Strait of Georgia Region Harvest Management Plan for the Subtidal Geoduck Clam (*Panopea generosa*) Fishery and is promulgated pursuant to Chapter 10.6 of the Lummi Law and Order Code.