



**2025-094 ON-RESERVATION COMMERCIAL MANILA
CLAM REGULATION**

Filing Date:
10/21/2025

Supersedes Reg: None

Filing Organization: Lummi

EFFECTIVE DATES	10/21/2025 to 6/30/2026
AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS	LUMMI
HARVEST AREAS	Management Area 20A: Lummi Bay (20A - S1B, S1C, S1D, S1E) Management Area 21A: Portage Bay (21A - S4, S5, S6, S7A, S1D, S7E)
FISHERY TYPE	COMMERCIAL
ON/OFF RESERVATION	ON
LEGAL GEAR	HAND IMPLEMENTS, SHOVEL, OR RAKE
DAYS/HOURS	Opening dates and times for commercial harvests will be scheduled in advance of openings and posted on the LNR Fisheries Hotline, the Harvest Management FB page and sent out to harvesters via the LNR text message system.
TARGET HARVEST	
EXPECTED EFFORT	20 - 70 DIGGERS PER NIGHT

RESTRICTIONS

1. All provisions of Title 10 must be observed, including but not limited to:
 1. Valid tribal fishing identification card with current clam validation sticker on person, (current clam validation not required for first night 10/21/2025),
 2. Check in with monitor during **first two hours** of opening (Monitor can check people in 15 minutes prior to opening time to allow diggers time to walk to the harvest area),
 3. Check out with monitor during **last two hours** of opening
 1. Failure to check out before the closure will result in:
 - 1st time: Warning
 - 2nd time: Clams will be confiscated and donated
 - 3rd time: Citation will be issued, and clams will be confiscated
 4. One hour prior to closing, Monitor will sound air horn
 5. 30 minutes prior to closing, Monitor will turn on flashing lights and any other lights to identify vehicle
 6. All clams must be in bags that are sealed and tagged by the Monitor
2. Weather conditions:
 1. Commercial openings will not be scheduled if temperatures are expected to reach freezing temperatures (32F and below)
 2. If freezing temperatures occur during a commercial opening, Monitor will cancel opening and recall harvesters
 3. Commercial openings will not be scheduled during storm with gale force wind advisories
 4. In the event of fog, a commercial opening will close 45 minutes early.
 1. One hour prior to new closing, Monitor will sound air horn
 2. 30 minutes prior to new closing, Monitor will turn on flashing lights and any
3. Commercial clam opening occurring during **nighttime** hours are planned for negative tides.
4. Commercial clam openings occurring during **daytime** hours:
 1. Portage Bay low tides over 0.7 ft use **~2.5 ft tide** threshold to determine closing time
 2. Lummi Bay uses tide threshold between **1.5 - 2 ft** to determine close time, more info needed to fine tune tide threshold
5. Elder harvest limit within Elder beds (20A - S1C & 21A - S4) is limited to 200 pounds per person per night. Elders are not limited to 200 pounds per person per night outside of the Elder beds
6. All diggers entering the harvest area are subject to inspection to ensure that no outside shellfish are brought into the harvest area
7. All diggers must comply with Monitor instructions concerning requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program
 1. All harvesting equipment and shellfish storage areas shall be free of contaminants (e.g., petroleum products, toxic household products, animal waste, or decomposing shellfish from prior harvests)
8. Diggers shall backfill holes and flatten significant mounds.
9. No garbage/waste will be left on the beach or in the adjacent area
10. Minimum size limit is 1.5 inches measured at the longest dimension of the shell.
11. Buyers are required to grade commercially harvested clams at each opening. A grader is a piece of equipment which successfully grades out sub-legal clams.
12. Undersize clams must be returned to harvestable beaches including Lummi Bay and Portage Bay.

JUSTIFICATION