



## LUMMI INDIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL

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### 2026-004 SEA URCHINS REGULATION

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**EFFECTIVE DATES** 1/15/2026 to 8/31/2026

**AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS** Lower Elwha, Jamestown, Makah, Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Nooksack, PNPTC, Port Gamble, Puyallup, Skokomish, Squaxin Island, Suquamish, Swinomish, Tulalip, Upper Skagit, WDFW

**CATCH AREA** The Marine Areas of Northern Puget Sound from the Canadian Border south to the environs of Seattle, including Washington State Marine Fish and Shellfish Catch Reporting and Management Areas 20A, 20B, 21A, 21B, 22A, 22B, 23A, 23B, 25A, 25B, 25D and 26AW, except those portions of 23A, 23B and 25A south and west of a line from Trial Island light (off Victoria, BC) to vessel traffic lane buoy "R" (between Hein Bank and Dungeness Spit) to the Point Wilson light. This regulation opens a portion of the Lummi Nation usual and accustomed fishing grounds and stations (U&A). It is not, and should not be taken as, a statement of the limits of Lummi's U&A

**SPECIES** Red Sea Urchin (*Mesocentrotus franciscanus*)  
Green Sea Urchin (*Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis*)

**LEGAL GEAR** Restricted to individual harvest by hand.

**COMMERCIAL SEASON AND OPEN DAYS** **All harvest restricted to daylight hours only.**

#### **RED SEA URCHIN:**

##### District 1:

January 3rd, 2026  
January 4rd, 2026  
January 15th, 2026  
January 16th, 2026  
January 22nd, 2026  
January 23rd, 2026  
January 29th, 2026  
January 30th, 2026

District 2: CLOSED.

##### District 3:

January 5th, 2026  
January 12th, 2026  
January 19th, 2026  
January 26th, 2026

#### **GREEN SEA URCHIN:**

##### District 1:

OPEN: Daily, starting 7:00 AM, October 1, 2025  
CLOSE 5:00 PM, August 31, 2026, or until tribal quota of 76,929 lbs is taken., whichever comes first.

##### District 2:

OPEN: 10 AM January 16th, 2026  
CLOSE: 2 PM January 16th, 2026

##### District 3/4/5:

OPEN: Daily, starting 7:00 AM, October 1, 2025  
CLOSE 5:00 PM, August 31, 2026, or until tribal quota of 50,000 lbs is taken., whichever comes first.

TARGET HARVEST	<p>District 1: Red Sea Urchin: 54,545 lbs Green Sea Urchin: 76,929 lb</p> <p>District 2: Red Sea Urchin: 18,185 lbs Green Sea Urchin: 64,646 lbs</p> <p>District 3: Red Sea Urchin: 66,635 lb</p> <p>District 3/4/5: Green Sea Urchin: 50,000 lb</p>
RESTRICTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The February 2019 version of the Lummi Nation Commercial Harvest Diving Standards (hereafter, the standards) must be observed pursuant to Regulation 2019-09. Parties participating in dive harvest operations must be classified by the Lummi Natural Resources Department (LNR) pursuant to the standards and Regulation 2019-09.</li> <li>2. The minimum crew size is three; however, more fishers are allowed as per the Natural Resources Code (Title 10). At least three of the fishers participating in commercial harvest diving operations must be classified by LNR pursuant to the LNR Commercial Harvest Diving Standards. These three fishers should have in their possession their current diving/hose tending classification cards issued by LNR. Eligibility to participate in a Lummi commercial harvest diving operation can also be confirmed through the LNR fishing database and/or by contacting the LNR Diving Safety Administrator at 360-312-2261.</li> <li>3. All commercial sea urchin divers must have in their possession valid sea urchin harvest validation stickers issued by LNR.</li> <li>4. <b>Harvest is restricted to daylight hours only</b>, i.e., diving activities must take place between official sunrise and sunset, unless otherwise posted in this regulation.</li> <li>5. Sea urchins must be harvested by methods that do not penetrate the tests (shells) of the animals.</li> <li>6. The red sea urchin minimum size limit is 3.25 inches (test or shell diameter excluding spines), the maximum size limit is 5 inches. The green sea urchin minimum size limit is 2.25 inches (test or shell diameter excluding spines). There is no maximum size limit for green sea urchins.</li> <li>7. Shipboard logs (e.g., harvest log and/or dive log) must be available for inspection by authorized LNR staff, LNR Enforcement, and other parties authorized by the LNR Director.</li> <li>8. All sea urchins harvested must be sold to a Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC)-licensed and bonded buyer which must adhere to its written agreement with LIBC and which must submit fish tickets to LNR in a timely manner or as requested by the department.</li> <li>9. Harvests of sea urchins shall be monitored through shellfish receiving tickets to ensure landings by treaty harvesters do not exceed the agreed allocations.</li> <li>10. The following areas are closed to the commercial harvest of sea urchins: a) Argyle Lagoon: Those University of Washington-owned tidelands and bedlands enclosed by the inner spit of Argyle Lagoon on San Juan Island. b) Those waters of San Juan Channel and Upright Channel within the following lines: South of a line projected from Flat Point on Lopez Island due west to Shaw Island; west of a line from Neck Point on Shaw Island to Steep Point on Orcas Island; south of a line from Steep Point on Orcas Island to Limestone Point on San Juan Island; north of a line from Flat Point on Lopez Island to the northernmost point of Turn Island and thence projected due west to San Juan Island. c) Those waters of Haro Strait north of a line projected due west from the southernmost point of Cattle Point on San Juan Island to the international border, and south of a line projected due west from a point one-quarter mile north of Lime Kiln Light on San Juan Island to the international border.</li> </ol>
CATCH MONITORING	Harvests of sea urchins shall be monitored through shellfish receiving tickets to ensure that landings by treaty harvesters do not exceed the agreed allocations.
EXPECTED EFFORT	10 boats, 20 divers
JUSTIFICATION	This regulation is a notice to proceed with harvest according to the co-manager agreement for the 2025-26 Sea Urchin Harvest Management Plan and is promulgated pursuant to Chapter 10.6 of the Lummi Law and Order Code.