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2026-051B REGION 2W CRAB 4.6 REGULATION

Filing Date: 6/15/2026

Supersedes Reg:

Filing Organization: Lummi

EFFECTIVE DATES	6/15/2026 to 2/15/2027
AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS	WDFW, NWIFC, Point No Point Treaty Council, and Suquamish, Tulalip, Swinomish, Port Gamble, Lower Elwha, and Jamestown Tribes
CATCH AREA	Crab Management Region 2W including Washington Marine and Shellfish Catch Reporting Areas 25D, 25B, and 26A West.
ON/OFF RESERVATION	Off
FISHERY TYPE	Commercial
DAYS/HOURS BY GEAR	POT AND RING GEAR Season Opens June 15th, 2026 Season Closes February 15th, 2027

Specific opening dates and times:

OPEN: 8 AM JUNE 29TH, 2026

CLOSE: 4 PM JULY 1ST, 2026

TRIBE-SPECIFIC
RESTRICTIONS

1. 40 pot maximum per boat; out of the 40 pots, up to 20 pots per boat may be fished in 25D.
2. The fishery may be closed on short notice as the quotas are approached.
3. The fish ticket information must be received by Dolly in the Natural Resources office by the close of business the day the catch is sold. The most appropriate method would be to fax the tickets to (360) 380-6989.
4. Must have valid treaty crab fishing ID card on person.
5. Pots must have two escape rings of not less than 4 1/4 " inside diameter located in the top half of the pot.
6. An unobstructed, three by five inch biodegradable panel in the upper half of the pot or a biodegradable loop attached to the lid hook is required
7. Each pot must be attached to a surface buoy capable of floating with a 5-pound weight attached and clearly marked with registered owners fishing ID number.
8. Ground lines may be used in areas of sport fisher harassment and high shipping traffic by special permit. Groundlines may only be used in winter fisheries
9. Pots must be registered with the Lummi Natural Resources Department.
10. Pots must be harvested by the registered owner.
11. Illegal to possess females, males of less than 6 1/4-inch caliper measure across the back immediately in front of the tips, or males with soft shells.
12. All gear shall be removed from the water by the closure of the opening.
13. Pots may not be harvested between one half hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise.
14. All crab landed but not sold must be reported on the fish ticket as take home.
15. All barged pots must be unloaded onto individual boats 1 hour before the opening; all boats must set their own pots
16. If pots are being barged home prior to the closure, the fisher barging the pots must notify the LNR office and/or Lummi enforcement
17. Must comply with all provisions of Title 10

IN-COMMON RESTRICTIONS

IN-COMMON RESTRICTIONS: In addition to those restrictions above, the following restrictions, which all Region 2W Tribes are imposing for this opening, notwithstanding any contrary provisions in their respective tribal codes, all apply:

1. Barging of pots will only be permitted up to 1 hour prior to the fishery opening and after the close of the fishery. It is prohibited to barge pots or tow boats within 1 hour prior to opening and during the fishery. Only operational vessels with functional conventional pot-pullers shall be used for transporting or fishing crab gear.
2. Only 1 permit shall be issued per licensed fisher.
3. Each boat shall have 1 permit per boat and no more than 40 pots total, including a maximum of 20 pots in catch area 25D. Zip ties issued by the Tribe's Fisheries Office may only be used when tags are not available. All tribes with a pot tagging system in place shall use the appropriate tags for this fishery.
4. At least one buoy must be clearly marked per pot with the vessel number of the boat fishing registered to that gear.
5. All boats must set their own registered gear at the beginning of the fishery and must pick up their own registered gear at the end of the fishery. During the fishery, not including the initial drop and final pick up, a boat may run up to two sets of gear as long as the registered owner or operator of that gear is on board the boat working the gear. Any adjustment to the timing of the summer and winter seasons will be reflected in updated regulations.
6. The use of ground lines is not permitted during summer fishery.
7. All gear shall be removed from the water prior to the time of fishery closure, subject to two narrow exceptions. First, if gear cannot be lifted from the water prior to closure because of a mechanical failure, fishers must immediately notify Enforcement. Enforcement will document any breakdown including any gear lifted from or remaining in the water. Another boat or Enforcement may lift the pots but the gear may not be redeployed. Second, if winds are above 20 knots and it would be unsafe to transport the pots, the gear can remain in the water in non-fishing condition until it is safe to transport.
8. Fishers shall not have crab on board a vessel while recovering pots after closure of the fishery.
9. It is unlawful to have on board a vessel, purchase or attempt to sell a female crab or male crab less than 6.25 inches measure across the back in front of the horns.
10. It is unlawful to have on board a vessel, purchase or attempt to sell soft crab.
11. There shall be no crab in transit to a buyer more than 4 hours after the close of a fishery unless otherwise notified by the fisher to Enforcement for delays due to late closures, weather, or mechanical failure requiring transit of crab to occur 4 hours after the close of the fishery.

JUSTIFICATION

This is a Shellfish Implementation Plan 4.6 notice to proceed with harvest in absence of co-manager agreement for the 2026-27 Region 2W Dungeness Crab Harvest Management Plan and is promulgated pursuant to Chapter 10.6 of the Lummi Law and Order Code.