



# Quinault Indian Nation

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## 2015 SEASONAL REGULATION-02

### Quinault Pacific Sardine Fishery Regulation June 23, 2015

**Opening Date:** The ocean waters in the area described below shall be open for the commercial Pacific Sardine Fishery by authorized Quinault tribal fishers beginning at 12:01 AM, July 1, 2015. Each Vessel must notify Quinault Department of Fisheries when commencing their fishing season.

**Closing Date:** The Quinault Nation's Pacific Sardine fishery shall close at 11:59 PM December 31, 2015 or sooner if notified by separate regulation. The fishery will also close if the total allowable catch of 1,000 metric tons (approx. 2,204,000 pounds) is reached within this allotment period.

**Area:** The area open to fishing by authorized members of the Quinault Indian Nation is the Pacific Ocean between Point Chehalis, 46°53'18" (46°53.30') North latitude, and Destruction Island, 47°40'06" (47°40.10') North latitude. Fish must be loaded on board the vessel while still within the open area.

**Gear:** Sardines may be harvested with purse seines, lampara nets or other "round-net" gear.

**Observers:** Vessel skippers shall, upon request, accommodate Quinault Department of Fisheries staff onboard the vessel while harvest is being conducted in order to allow necessary sampling and observation of the fishery.

**Catch Reporting:** Pacific Sardines shall only be sold to Quinault authorized commercial buyers. All sardines harvested by Quinault fishers shall be reported on either Quinault or Washington State fish receiving tickets no later than 12 hours of landing. All incidental species such as Mackerel, Anchovy, and Herring shall have weights recorded on fish tickets. Sardines retained by Quinault fishers for personal use shall be reported on fish receiving tickets as ceremonial and subsistence harvest.

**Vessel and Gear Identification:** Vessels participating in off-reservation fisheries authorized by the Quinault Indian Nation shall be registered and numbered in accordance with Title 51 of the Quinault Tribal Code and the Nation's regulations governing the registration and numbering of fishing vessels. Numbers shall be displayed in a manner clearly visible from the air. Seine-nets shall have first and last floats marked clearly with the Tribal ID number of the authorized fisher.

**Fisher Licenses and Identification:** Quinault tribal members who participate in the treaty Indian off-reservation ocean fisheries, or land or deliver fish harvested in such fisheries shall have in their possession a Quinault tribal identification card and a permit for the 2015 Quinault ocean fishery.

**Other:** A.) All fishing by members of the Quinault Indian Nation shall be in accordance with all applicable Quinault tribal laws and regulations. B.) Trip limits, monthly harvest limits, and other management measures may be adopted during the season to achieve tribal harvest management objectives. C.) Fishers are required to check for in-season modifications of these regulations.

  
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