



Quinault Indian Nation

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Quinault River Commercial Fishery Regulation - 05 2018-19 Winter Steelhead Season

TO: Quinault Tribal Members
Quinault Fisheries Enforcement
FROM: Quinault River Fish Committee
DATE: February 20, 2019
SUBJECT: Quinault River Commercial Gillnet Fishery –Winter Fishery.-Weeks 08-14

The Quinault River Winter Commercial Fishery schedule for weeks 08 through 14, is set as follows, below: (see “High Water” Set Restrictions below):

Stat Wk	Grounds 43-44 and above Set in	Grounds below grounds 43-44 Set-in	Pull-out
08	6 am Sun., Feb. 17	6 am Mon., Feb. 18	4 pm Thur., Feb. 21
09	6 am Sun., Feb. 24	6 am Mon., Feb. 25	4 pm Wed., Feb. 27
10*	6 am Sun., Mar. 03	6 am Mon., Mar. 04	4 pm Wed., Mar. 06
11*	6 am Sun., Mar. 10	6 am Mon., Mar. 11	4 pm Wed., Mar. 13
12*	6 am Sun., Mar. 17	6 am Mon., Mar. 18	4 pm Wed., Mar. 20
13*	6 am Sun., Mar. 24	6 am Mon., Mar. 25	4 pm Wed., Mar. 27
14*	6 am Sun., Mar. 31	6 am Mon., Apr. 01	4 pm Wed., Apr. 03

Closure of Commercial Fishing commences after week#14 for the normal remaining winter season

Mesh size is optional up through week 9. Following Week 9 mesh size is limited to 6 inch to 6 ½ inch stretch measure. (Mesh restriction applies to weeks 10-18 denoted by a * symbol)

“High Water Set” restriction has been set at 4,500 cfs (Refer to the Quinault River General Regulations posted on October 12, 2018-see Sections IV. 14 and IV. 15 and VII. 10). High water sets are limited by provisions of section VII. 10 a, b, c, d, and e. High Water Sets are not allowed to be instituted at flows less than 4,500 cfs.

All nets must be marked on outside corks with personal tribal identification number.

No “sinker nets” are allowed on the Quinault River. All nets must be buoyed by a cork line the full length of the net.

No nets may be set in prior to the listed dates and times listed above. All nets must be completely removed by the pull out dates and times listed above.

Fishing Grounds No.’s 1 through 8: Until further notice fishing grounds No.’s 1 through 8 at the mouth of the Quinault River will remain closed. The committee in consultation with the Chief of Fisheries enforcement shall lift this closure when conditions become fishable.

All catch must be reported each day for each ground (to be reported immediately after the fish are brought to shore, before the fish house closes, or if the fish house has already closed, then it must be reported by 12:00 noon the next day the fish house is open). A board for reporting catch will be provided at the enterprise.

Fish Tickets: Fish tickets shall be issued at the time of purchase using the Quinault Electronic Fish Ticket System (QEFTS) per QIN Business Committee Resolution No. 18-104-97. Two receipts will be printed at the time of the transaction, each signed by the fisher (seller) and the buyer and each keeping a copy for their records. The electronic fish ticket will record the person that actually caught the fish under a valid QIN permit or authorization; his or her ID number; and the ground location number, if applicable, or a notation of drift netting. If a person is signing a fish ticket as an assistant, helper, or hired fisherman, the electronic fish ticket shall also include the name and identification number of the fisher being assisted.

Sales of Fish: A fishermen may only sell their catch to authorized Quinault Nation Buyers with the following exception: a fisherman may sell no more than a daily total of 3 salmon and steelhead (combined) directly to consumers.

Incidental Caught Sturgeon Restrictions: Refer to regulation listed below:

Quinault River General Regulation
Section VII subsection 11.

Fisher Helper Registration: Following their initial notification to the Fisheries Secretary of the employment of a helper, the Fisher to whom the ground is assigned shall be limited to 30 days in which to officially register that helper-This section was approved by Fish Committee during the meeting during week of Sept. 02, 2010.

Justification: This regulation is consistent with the 2018-19 Winter fishing plan. The committee will meet to assess the need for adjustment of schedules and/or regulation restrictions based on assessment of the fishery up to each meeting date.


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