

HOH TRIBE FISHING REGULATIONS

2023-2024 Winter Fishing Season

Hoh Tribal Fishing Regulation: **23-11-09**Date: November 09, 2023

REGULATORY/FISHERY PURPOSE: SETS WINTER COMMERICAL SALMON FISHERY FOR WEEK **50 – 2023 THROUGH WEEK 18 - 2024.**

TARGET FISH SPECIES: Steelhead Salmon EXPECTED FISHERMEN IN FISHERY: 10

HOH RIVER U & A ADJACENT TO RESERVATION:

AREA: From mouth of Hoh River to the Tribal Reservation Eastern boundary location, approximately one mile upstream.

SEASON: December 04, 2023 until April 28, 2024.

PERIOD COVERED IN THIS REG: December 04, 2023 until April 28, 2024.

DAYS OF WEEK: The fishery will open and close, according to the attached schedule "2023-2024 Hoh Tribe Winter Fishing Schedule" unless rescheduled by regulation addendum because of unsafe river conditions or the catch is less than 60% of the forecast.

TIME OF DAY: Opening and closing times are 10:00 AM opening day to 10:00 AM closing day, except as may be rescheduled by subsequent regulation addendum.

LEGAL GEAR & GEAR RESTRICTIONS: The gillnet gear allotment is limited to two set-nets or one set-net and one drift-net per fisherman in the Hoh River in all open fishing area (Each fisherman may only use one (1) set-net in the area adjacent to the reservation and one (1) set-net upriver (above) of the reservation; or use two (2) set-nets in the area above the reservation and no (0) set-nets in the area adjacent to the reservation).

MESH SIZE:

6 inch minimum stretch size during weeks 50-12

8 inch minimum stretch size during weeks 17-18

REPORTING CATCH: Catch shall be reported according to provisions of the General Fishing Ordinance No. 78-09-0 I. The Hoh Tribe considers its ability to sample the harvest an essential element of catch reporting. Therefore, under that provision, tribal fishermen shall make their catch of fish available for catch sampling prior to its delivery to off-reservation buyers. Sampling shall be accomplished by fish sampler(s) designated by the Hoh Tribe or the Hoh Tribe's Fisheries Management Biologist.

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HOH RIVER U & A ABOVE THE RESERVATION UP TO THE HWY 101 BRIDGE:

AREA: From the Tribal Reservation eastern boundary location, located approximately one mile upstream to the highway 101 bridge. All other HOH River off-reservation sections and tributaries are closed to fishing.

SEASON: Same as adjacent to reservation.

PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REGULATION: Same as adjacent to reservation.

<u>DAYS OF WEEK OPEN:</u> Same as adjacent to reservation.

TIME OF DAY: Same as adjacent to reservation.

LEGAL GEAR & GEAR RESTRICTIONS: Same as adjacent to reservation.

MESH SIZE: Same as adjacent to reservation.

TRIBUTARIES AND HOH RIVER ABOVE 101 BRIDGE: ** CLOSED TO COMMERCIAL AND GILL-NET FISHING**

AREA: Tributaries, Hoh River above 101 bridge extending to the divides; with Elwha River on the east, the Queets/Clearwater Rivers to the south and the Quileute River to the north.

SEASON: Open only to hook and line personal-use fishing.

HIRED FISHERMAN PERMIT PROCESS: ONLY PERMITEES REGISTERED WITH FISHERIES ENFORECEMENT WILL BE QUALIFIED TO FISH.

<u>COMMENTS:</u> All gear left unattended on fishing grounds during closed fishing times, or illegal gear observed on fishing grounds at any time shall be recovered by enforcement. Return of such gear shall be subject to determination of legal ownership and that such gear was not involved in illegal fishing activities. Return of such gear would occur after closure of the next scheduled week's fishery, appropriate for that gear's use. All other provisions of the General Fishing Ordinance No 78-09-01 not covered or altered by these regulations shall remain in effect under this regulation.

Signed,

Hon Tribal Council

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23-11-09 2023-2024 Hoh Tribe Winter Fishing Schedule

Week#	Week of:	Days Open	Mesh Size	Monday Opening Date 10:00 AM	Closing Day 10:00 AM	Closing Date 10:00 AM
50	04-Dec	2	6 Inch Mesh	04-Dec	Wednesday	06-Dec
51	11-Dec	2	6 Inch Mesh	11-Dec	Wednesday	13-Dec
52	18-Dec	2	6 Inch Mesh	18-Dec	Wednesday	20-Dec
53-01	26-Dec	1	6 Inch Mesh	26-Dec	Wednesday	27-Dec
2	02-Jan	1	6 Inch Mesh	02-Jan	Wednesday	03-Jan
3	08-Jan	1	6 Inch Mesh	08-Jan	Tuesday	09-Jan
4	15-Jan	1	6 Inch Mesh	15-Jan	Tuesday	16-Jan
5	22-Jan	1	6 Inch Mesh	22-Jan	Tuesday	23-Jan
6	29-Jan	1	6 Inch Mesh	29-Jan	Tuesday	30-Jan
7	05-Feb	1	6 Inch Mesh	05-Feb	Tuesday	06-Feb
8	12-Feb	1	6 Inch Mesh	12-Feb	Tuesday	13-Feb
9	19-Feb	1	6 Inch Mesh	19-Feb	Tuesday	20-Feb
10	26-Feb	1	6 Inch Mesh	26-Feb	Tuesday	27-Feb
11	04-Mar	1	6 Inch Mesh	04-Mar	Tuesday	05-Mar
12	11-Mar	1	6 Inch Mesh	11-Mar	Tuesday	12-Mar
13	18-Mar	0	6 Inch Mesh			
14	25-Mar	0	6 Inch Mesh			
15	01-Apr	0	6 Inch Mesh			
16	08-Apr	0	6 Inch Mesh	1		
17	15-Apr	1	8 Inch Mesh	15-Apr	Tuesday	18-Apr
18	22-Apr	1	8 Inch Mesh	22-Apr	Tuesday	25-Apr

-Opening on Tuesday instead of Monday

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