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HOH TRIBE FISHING REGULATIONS

2025-2026 Winter Fishing Season

Hoh Tribal Fishing Regulation: 25-11-24

Date: November 24, 2025

REGULATORY/FISHERY PURPOSE: SETS WINTER COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY FOR WEEK 50 – 2025
THROUGH WEEK 18 - 2026.

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 08, 2025 until May 03, 2026.

PERIOD COVERED IN THIS REG: December 08, 2025 until May 03, 2026.

DAYS OF WEEK: The fishery will open and close, according to the attached schedule "2025-2026 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**
 7 3/4 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.

DAYS OF WEEK OPEN: 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 ENFORCEMENT WILL BE QUALIFIED TO FISH.

COMMENTS: 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,

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Hoh Tribal Council



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2025-2026 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 | 08-Dec | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 08-Dec | Wednesday | 10-Dec |
| 51 | 15-Dec | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 15-Dec | Wednesday | 17-Dec |
| 52 | 22-Dec | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 22-Dec | Wednesday | 24-Dec |
| 53-01 | 29-Dec | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 29-Dec | Wednesday | 31-Dec |
| 2 | 05-Jan | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 05-Jan | Wednesday | 07-Jan |
| 3 | 12-Jan | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 12-Jan | Wednesday | 14-Jan |
| 4 | 19-Jan | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 19-Jan | Wednesday | 21-Jan |
| 5 | 26-Jan | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 26-Jan | Wednesday | 28-Jan |
| 6 | 02-Feb | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 02-Feb | Wednesday | 04-Feb |
| 7 | 09-Feb | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 09-Feb | Wednesday | 11-Feb |
| 8 | 16-Feb | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 16-Feb | Wednesday | 18-Feb |
| 9 | 23-Feb | 2 | 6 Inch Mesh | 23-Feb | Wednesday | 25-Feb |
| 10 | 02-Mar | 1 | 6 Inch Mesh | 02-Mar | Tuesday | 03-Mar |
| 11 | 09-Mar | 1 | 6 Inch Mesh | 09-Mar | Tuesday | 10-Mar |
| 12 | 16-Mar | 1 | 6 Inch Mesh | 16-Mar | Tuesday | 17-Mar |
| 13 | 23-Mar | 0 | 6 Inch Mesh | Closed to Fishing | | |
| 14 | 30-Mar | 0 | 6 Inch Mesh | | | |
| 15 | 06-Apr | 0 | 6 Inch Mesh | | | |
| 16 | 13-Apr | 0 | 6 Inch Mesh | | | |
| 17 | 20-Apr | 1 | 7 3/4 Inch Mesh | 20-Apr | Tuesday | 21-Apr |
| 18 | 27-Apr | 1 | 7 3/4 Inch Mesh | 27-Apr | Tuesday | 28-Apr |