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HOH TRIBE FISHING REGULATIONS

2026 Fall Fishing Season

Hoh Tribal Fishing Regulation: **26-04-29**

Date: April 29, 2026

Supersedes Regulation: 25-04-16

REGULATORY/FISHERY PURPOSE: SETS FALL COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY FOR WEEK 36, 2026 THROUGH WEEK 49, 2026.

TARGET FISH SPECIES: Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon

EXPECTED FISHERMEN IN FISHERY: 15

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: August 31, 2026 until December 06, 2026

PERIOD COVERED

IN THIS REG: August 31, 2026 through December 06, 2026

DAYS OF WEEK: The fishery will open and close based on the attached "2026 Hoh Tribe Fall Fishing Schedule," unless modified by a regulation addendum due to the catch being less than 60% of the forecast, fish conservation needs and unsafe river conditions (when the USGS Hoh River gauge falls below 400 cfs for 36 consecutive hours), or other environmental factors during the 2026 Fall season. The fishery will reopen when the USGS Hoh River gauge remains above 400 cfs for 36 consecutive hours or other environmental factors have improved. Rescheduled fishing days will be determined based on the closure.

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: Hook and line or gillnet. 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). Unattended gear must be marked with the owner or operator of the fishing gear identification number.

MESH SIZE: **6-inch minimum stretch size**

REPORTING CATCH: Catch shall be reported according to provisions of the General Fishing Ordinance No. 78-09-01. 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.

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 REG.: 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" SECTION.

MESH SIZE: SAME AS "ADJACENT TO RESERVATION" SECTION

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 the 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 FISHERMEN PERMIT PROCESS: ONLY PERMITEES REGISTERED WITH FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT WILL BE QUALIFIED TO FISH.

COMMENTS: All gear left unattended on fishing grounds during closed fishing time, 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,



Hoh Tribal Council

2026 Hoh Tribe Fall Fishing Schedule

Week #	Week of	Days Open	MESH SIZE	Opening Date 10:00 am	Closing Date 10:00 am
36	Aug. 31	0	<u>Hoh River Closed to Commercial Fishing</u>		
37	Sept. 07	0	<u>Hoh River Closed to Commercial Fishing</u>		
38	Sept. 14	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon. Sept. 14	Tue. Sept. 15
39	Sept. 21	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon. Sept. 21	Tue. Sept. 22
40	Sept. 28	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon. Sept. 28	Tue. Sept. 29
41	Oct. 05	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon. Oct. 05	Tue. Oct. 06
42	Oct. 12	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon. Oct. 12	Tue. Oct. 13
43	Oct. 19	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon. Oct. 19	Tue. Oct. 20
44	Oct. 26	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon. Oct. 26	Tue. Oct. 27
45	Nov. 02	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon Nov. 02	Tue. Nov. 03
46	Nov. 09	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon. Nov. 09	Tue. Nov. 10
47	Nov. 16	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon. Nov. 16	Tue. Nov. 17
48	Nov. 23	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon. Nov. 23	Tue. Nov. 24
49	Nov. 30	1	6 IN. MIN	Mon. Nov. 30	Tue. Dec. 01

The Winter Commercial Salmon Season will open on Monday, Dec. 7 (week 50) with a new regulation

OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES ARE 10:00 A.M.