QUILEUTE NATURAL RESOURCES
QUILEUTE INDIAN TRIBE

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2020 RAZOR AND OTHER CLAMS REGULATIONS
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FISHERY PURPOSE: To establish Ceremonial and Subsistence harvest regulations for clam and mussel harvest for all enrolled Quileute Tribal members.

AREA: All on reservation fishing areas, and all off-reservation areas within the Quileute Tribe’s Usual and Accustomed Fishing Areas: north to Cape Alava (latitude 48° 10’ 00”N) and south to the Queets River (latitude 47° 31’ 42”N).


EFFORT: 2 days/month with up to 20 people/day

ESTIMATED HARVEST: 1000 razor clams/month.

LEGAL GEAR: Hand held fork, rake, shovel, pots and other gear that the tribe deems is not environmentally harmful.

SPECIES AND LIMITS: Allowed species and limits are provided below:

Razor Clams: 75 clams per person per day
Steamers: 50 lbs. per person per day
Butter clams: 50 lbs. per person per day
Mussels: 50 lbs. per person per day
Misc Species: 50 lbs. per person per day

ENFORCEMENT: Violation of any part of this regulation will be prosecuted in accordance with provisions set forth in the Ordinance for Quileute fishing; 2006-A-95, or any amendment to it or replacement ordinance for Quileute Fishing. Authority for enforcement of this regulation shall be vested in the Quileute Natural Resources (QNR) Enforcement Officers, including both its chief and its enforcement officers. They may issue citations for such violations, and review of the judgment on such citations will be by the Quileute Tribal Court.
RECORD KEEPING: The Quileute Tribe will monitor C & S shellfish harvest through interviewing and information reported directly to QNR.

IN GENERAL: This regulation supersedes any previous Shellfish and Clamming Regulation of the Quileute Tribe. This regulation shall not expire but continue year to year and may be amended at any time, upon the recommendation of the Quileute Natural Resources Committee and approval of the Quileute Tribal Council.

All tribal members harvesting clams and other shellfish are encouraged to check in with QNR prior to harvest, for information on biotoxin test levels to ensure shellfish are safe for consumption. Individuals are also encouraged to contact the Quileute Shellfish Hotline at (360) 374-5636 before harvesting. Authorized tribal fisherman must have in their possession a Tribal identification card.

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