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SKOKOMISH TRIBE'S 2015 ANNUAL FALL CHUM SALMON REGULATIONS F#15-10

1. INTRODUCTION

These regulations shall apply to all commercial fisheries for chum salmon in marine areas 12, 12A, 12B, 12C, 12D, and 12H (the Hoodspout Hatchery Zone, which is the area within 1,000 feet from shore between the Hoodspout Marina dock and the dock at Glen Ayr) as well as the on-reservation portion of the Skokomish River (82G) (the full width of the Skokomish River from the river mouth upstream to the Bonneville Power Administration power lines including the delta flats).

2. MANAGEMENT PERIODS

Area 9A:	November 01 through November 28.
Area 12:	October 11 through November 20.
Area 12A:	October 11 through November 20.
Area 12B:	October 20 through November 20.
Area 12C:	October 20 through November 27.
Area 12D:	Closed.
Area 12H:	October 11 through November 28.
Area 82G:	November 08 through November 28.

3. LAWFUL GEAR

When fisheries are authorized, the following gear types shall be considered lawful gear unless otherwise specified in emergency regulations.

- 1) Marine Drift Nets Areas 9, 9A, 12, 12A, 12B, 12C: 5" minimum mesh with maximum length 330 fathoms.
- 2) Beach Seine length restrictions:
 - a) Marine Areas 9, 9A, 12, 12A, 12B, 12C: 3.5" minimum mesh, 3.5" maximum at the bunt, a maximum length 165 fathoms with 200 mesh maximum depth, multifilament net only.

- b) Hoodsport Hatchery (12H): 3.5" minimum mesh, 3.5" maximum at the bunt, a maximum length 100 fathoms with 200 mesh maximum depth, multifilament net only.
- 3) Set Gillnet length restrictions as follows:
 - a) Skokomish River (HWY 106 Bridge to HWY 101 Bridge): 5" minimum mesh with maximum length 30 fathoms.
 - b) Skokomish River (Above TPU to HWY 106 Bridge): 5" minimum mesh with maximum length 55 fathoms.
 - c) Skokomish River (Below TPU After 10/1): 5" minimum mesh with maximum length 100 fathoms.
 - d) Marine Areas 9, 9A, 12, 12A, 12B, 12C: 5" minimum mesh with maximum length 110 fathoms.
- 4) Hand Held Gear (hook & line, dip nets, spears) as defined in the Skokomish On-Reservation Treaty Fishing Ordinance.

4. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

- I. Skokomish River:
 - a. No set-net may be placed so that it covers more than 1/3 of the distance across the wetted channel of the river. Set-net lengths or position must be adjusted to conform to this provision when tides or other conditions reduce the amount of water in the channel.
 - b. No set-net shall be placed within 250 feet of any creek or stream entering the Skokomish River unless so registered according to provisions of Skokomish Tribal Code 7.02.028 (2).
 - c. All set-nets must be lifted at least once every 24 hour period.
- II. Marine Areas:
 - a. The area in 12C from the Cushman Powerhouse to the Union Boat Ramp, shall be closed to all net fishing unless opened by emergency regulation.
 - b. No marine set-nets or beach seines may be operated closer than 1,500 feet from any salmon bearing stream or river mouth that is not open to net fishing.
 - c. For the Dewatto River, the stream mouth is defined by a north-south line from the two-story white building with the flag pole at the mouth, known as Dewatto Point.
 - d. All set-nets must be lifted at least once every 24 hour period.
 - e. In 12C, gill nets must be at least 400 feet apart from the water line.
 - f. In 12C in order to claim a position for your net, you must be in your boat and on the beach or in the water.

5. EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Commercial openings shall be by emergency regulation. Openings, as well as restrictions, outlined in these regulations may be modified at any time by emergency regulations based on in-season management information. Emergency regulations shall be posted at the fisheries building and the Skokomish Tribe Website. It is the responsibility of the individual fisher to obtain these regulations every week. The Skokomish Tribe intends to fully harvest its share of chum salmon.

6. AUTHORITY

These regulations are promulgated by the Skokomish Fish Committee and adopted by the Skokomish Tribal Council under authority of the Skokomish On-Reservation Treaty Fishing Ordinance section 7.02.025.



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"I certify that copies of this document were mailed pre-paid on 6-15-15 to all persons required by the Federal District Court's Order of March 1 1976.

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