



Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians Natural Resources Department Shellfishing Regulation

DATE ADOPTED: September 2, 2026

REGULATION NO: 26-CRAY-01

SUPERCEDES/MODIFIES REGULATION NO: none

FISHERY TYPE: This regulation covers Commercial and C&S crayfish harvests.

SPECIES: *Pacifastacus leniusculus*, the signal crayfish, also known as crayfish, crawfish, and crawdads. All non-native species/ invasive species of crayfish are also open for harvest. Please retain, freeze, and return claws of non-native crayfish for documentation.

OPEN CATCH AREAS:

All freshwater lakes, river reaches, and streams of the Stillaguamish Watershed, including Lake Howard, Lake Ki, Lake Sunday, and Lake McMurray. Fishing is not allowed within ¼ mile of developed parks per State/Tribal Crayfish Management plan.

SCHEDULE:

Open: 12pm, Wednesday 09/02/2026

Closed: 6pm, Saturday 10/31/2026

LEGAL GEAR: Shellfish pots, ring nets, star traps, collection by hand or hand dip nets, scuba or skin diving.

GEAR RESTRICTIONS: Any hand operated-instrument that penetrates the shell of the crayfish is expressly prohibited. All traps and pots will be closed with 100% cotton or other natural fiber that will rot and allow animals to escape if gear is lost. The pot must open freely if the twine or fiber is broken.

GEAR MARKING: All fishers must have at least one visible float for each line of pots in the water. The fisher's name, Tribal ID number, and number of pots deployed must be legible on the float.

GEAR LIMITATIONS: Commercial fishers will work with STNRD to determine pot limits based on specific location to be fished. Ceremonial and subsistence fishers are limited to 10 pots or units of gear in use at any one time.

HARVEST RESTRICTIONS:

1. The minimum size for crayfish is 3 ¼ inches in length from the tip of the rostrum (nose) to the tip of the tail. Any crayfish smaller than 3 ¼ inches must be returned to the water.
2. All undersized and female crayfish with eggs or young attached to the abdomen must be immediately returned unharmed to the water from which taken.

RULES: All fishers must comply with the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians Tribal Fishing, Hunting and Gathering Code and the Revised Law and Order Code of the Stillaguamish Tribe. The following additional rules apply:

1. Check pots every 12 hours to minimize mortality of amphibian by-catch or other species.
2. All non-natives crayfish must be killed prior to leaving site. Please retain, freeze, and return claws of non-native crayfish to Natural Resources shellfish biologist.
3. Do not dispose of bait at fishing site.

DAILY CATCH LIMIT: C&S limit is 10 pounds whole crayfish in the shell per fisher, unless otherwise requested. There is no daily limit for harvest of non-native crayfish.

CATCH REPORTING:

Commercial fishers will report their catch to the Stillaguamish Natural Resources Department harvest with monthly logs containing date landed, gear type, number of pots fished, soak time (duration fished) for pots, and location fished.

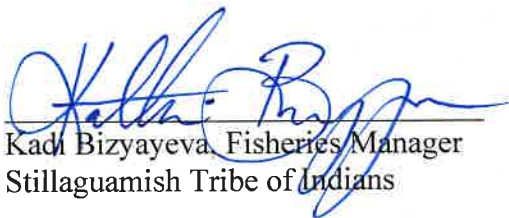
C&S fishers will report pounds landed per fishing location each quarter.

Sales Records

All sales of crayfish to commercial buyers must be reported on Treaty Indian Receiving Tickets.

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION: All fishers must carry a valid and current Tribal identification card and species fishing permit.

For questions, concerns, and/or species permit, contact Franchesca Perez, Shellfish Biologist at 360-631-2620 or fperez@stillaguamish.com.



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