



Quinault Indian Nation

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Quinault River Sport Fishing Regulation - 01 2025-26 Winter Steelhead Season

TO: Quinault Tribal Members
Quinault Fisheries Enforcement
FROM: Quinault Department of Fisheries
DATE: November 19, 2025
SUBJECT: Sport Fishing on the Quinault River – December 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026

The Quinault River and its tributaries (excluding Cook Creek) upstream of the Ranch, within the Quinault Reservation boundaries are open to hook and line fishing December 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.

Commercial Guiding: Commercial guiding may proceed under these and other applicable Quinault Reservation regulations

The fishery will be open to the taking of the following bag limits:

Cutthroat	12
Jack coho (less than 20 inches)	unlimited
Adult coho	2
Native Char	4
Steelhead (<i>by period</i>)	
December 1 to February 28	2
March 1 to March 31	1

Fishing Gear:

- Fishing gear is limited to hook-and-line gear.
- No more than one pole or line is allowed per person.
- Only boats and accessory equipment owned and operated by Quinault tribal members are allowed in these areas for this fishery.
- Scattering of feed or other materials (chumming), or the use of light, to attract fish is prohibited

SNAGGING IS PROHIBITED.

Walking on redds is prohibited.

Released Fish Handling Restriction: The fish species and/or stocks where retention is prohibited, or other caught fish which are intended to be released shall not be totally removed from the water

of the river or stream when caught, while in the process of releasing them. The fisher shall use fish friendly procedures, with minimal contact while keeping the fingers away from eyes or the gills of the fish. If the hook has been swallowed the leader shall be cut.

All non-enrolled Quinault fishers must be accompanied by an enrolled Quinault tribal member while fishing. Also, all non-enrolled Quinault fishers must be within 100 feet of their enrolled Quinault tribal member while fishing.

There will be a limit of three (3) non-enrolled Quinault fishers per enrolled Quinault tribal member on the banks of the Quinault River and its tributaries. All boats used for sport fishing must be owned and operated by an enrolled Quinault tribal member.

All catches are to be reported to: (360) 276-8215 ext. 7372. All guides while engaged in guiding shall report catches by themselves and their customers in logbooks provided by the QDNR Permits Office. Please report the date of the catch and number of each species.

A fillable catch reporting document is available at:

<https://www.quinaultindiannation.com/DocumentCenter/View/1449/Fillable-Fish-Catch-Card-PDF>

Reminder: Fish caught in this fishery CANNOT be sold for any purpose.

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