

**2011/2012 COHO AND CHUM  
COMMERCIAL NET FISHING REGULATIONS  
  
OF  
THE SQUAXIN ISLAND INDIAN TRIBE  
  
ANNUAL REGULATION NO. 11-02**

**PREFACE**

This regulation governing the treaty fishing activities of the Squaxin Island Tribe, herein referred to as the Tribe, in all usual and accustomed fishing grounds and stations, is issued pursuant to the Fishing Ordinance of the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe.

This regulation supersedes all previous anadromous regulations issued by the Tribe promulgated for regulation of the 2011/2012 Coho and Chum fishery.

The said regulation becomes effective September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The following sections and subsections from the **2011 Annual Commercial Net Fishing Regulations of the Squaxin Island Tribe with 2011 Fall Chinook Net Fishing Regulations (AR-10-01)** shall apply for the purpose of this regulation:

<b>SECTION I</b>	<b>Emergency Regulations</b>
<b>SECTION II</b>	<b>Ceremonial/Subsistence/Test Fisheries</b>
<b>SECTION III</b>	<b>Responsibilities of Tribal Fishers</b>
<b>SECTION IV</b>	<b>All Marine Fishing Area Legal Descriptions</b>

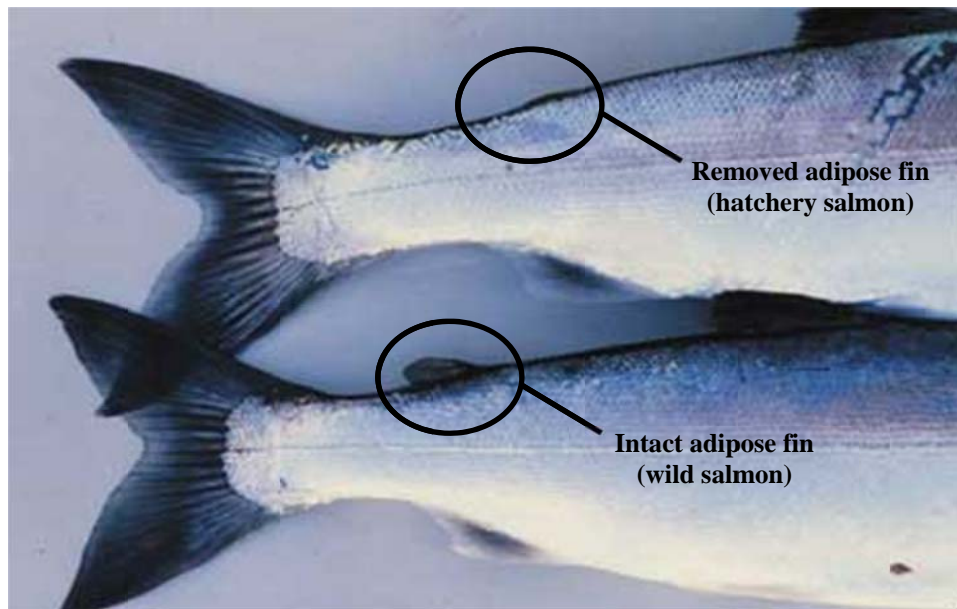
## **SECTION V: 2010/2011 Coho and Chum Commercial Net Fishing Regulations**

### **A. General Information**

1. The Tribe reserves the right to modify the Annual Regulations by issuance of Emergency Regulations, whenever biological evidence supports the need for such modification.
2. Emergency Regulations become effective twenty-four (24) hours after filing with the U.S. District Court approved Western Union TWX System and acknowledged receipt by Washington Department of Fisheries.
3. The **Official Emergency Regulations** will be posted at the Squaxin Island Department of Natural Resources Office. These posted official Emergency Regulations will contain all modifications from the Annual regulations that will occur in the described fishery opening. Any detail (such as a specific open or closed area) not reported in the official Emergency Regulations will fall under the jurisdiction of the Annual Regulations, where full descriptions of fishery openings are presented.
4. A **SUMMARY of Emergency Regulations** will be provided on a twenty-four (24) hour “Hotline” by calling **360-432-3899** and available on the **Squaxin Island Tribe website at: [www.squaxinland.org](http://www.squaxinland.org)**. This summary of Emergency Regulations provided on the “Hotline” or the website is designed as a convenience to the fishers and will therefore not always contain the entire text of the official Emergency Regulation. **AT NO TIME** will the “Hotline” or “Website” summary of **Emergency Regulations supersede the official posted Emergency Regulations or the Annual Regulations**. It is the fishers’ responsibility to be informed of the official Emergency Regulations content, which are posted at the Squaxin Island Department of Natural Resources. Tribal Fisheries Manager assumes no responsibility for infractions incurred by fishers relying solely upon the “Hotline” or “Website” summary of Emergency Regulations for fishing during the season.
5. Approximate Fishery Dates Unless Otherwise Stated: **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 for Coho and November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 through January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 for Chum.**
6. **General Area Restriction:** No gillnet shall extend more than 1/3 way across any boat channel, inlet, and cove or creek mouth.
7. **Cove Definition:** Any saltwater embayment which has a freshwater source.
8. **Identification of Catch Areas:** It shall be the responsibility of Tribal fishers to insure that the proper catch area with designated Squaxin Island sub-areas is recorded in the buyer’s fish ticket. See enclosed maps at the end of this regulation.
9. **Test Fisheries:** Test fisheries will be conducted for the entire season by specific fishers selected pre-season by the Fisheries Manager. Criteria for selection of fishers to perform test fisheries in specific areas will be based upon the gear type possessed by the fisher and the submittal of the lowest bid by the fisher to perform the season’s test fisheries. Alternates will be selected to perform test fisheries in the event that the primary test fishers selected cannot participate.
10. **All nets must be set a minimum of one legal net length away from another unless agreed to by both parties.**

11. **Beach seines: must release all cutthroat trout captured unharmed in all fisheries.** Cutthroat populations in local streams are currently at very low levels. Conservation measures directed towards incidental catches in Tribal coho fisheries and local recreational fisheries are necessary to allow Area 13D-K cutthroat stocks to rebuild.
  
12. **Beach seines: Although release of wild coho is not a current fisheries restriction, Please release all wild coho (see photo below for clarification.)** Natural populations of coho in local streams appear to be at very low levels. This practice of selective fishing, where the release of incidental catches of wild coho in the Tribal fisheries and local recreational fisheries, is a conservation measure to potentially allow Area 13D-K coho stocks to begin to rebuild.

### *Wild/Hatchery Salmon Identification*



- **Hatchery coho:** Adipose fin has been clipped - leaving a healed scar in its place.
- **Wild coho:** Intact adipose fin

**SECTION VI: Area, Species, Season and Weekly Opening Descriptions**

**A. DANA PASSAGE - 13D-Dana (13D-1)**

1. Species.....Coho/chum
2. Season.....September 10<sup>th</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>
3. Weekly Openings.....Actual daily openings announced by emergency regulation.

a. Set Nets

1. Maximum length           300 feet
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

b. Drift nets

1. Maximum length           900 feet
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

c. Beach Seines

1. Maximum length           600 feet
2. Allowable stretch mesh   3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum

**B. PEALE PASSAGE - 13D-Peale (On Reservation) (13D-3)**

1. Species.....Coho/chum
2. Season.....September 10<sup>th</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>
3. Weekly Openings... Actual daily openings announced by emergency regulation.

a. Set nets

1. Maximum length           300 feet coho season/600 feet chum season, November 2011
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

b. Drift nets

1. Maximum length           600 feet
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

c. Beach seines

1. Maximum length           600 feet
2. Allowable stretch mesh   3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum

4. **Comments:**

a. **CLOSED AREAS FOR COMMERCIAL SET NET FISHING:  
Hartstene Oyster Company/Hartstene Island: Areas H1, H2, and H3**

- b. No set nets may be attached to any part of the Tribal net-pen complexes situated in Peale Passage. This restriction includes any floats, barges and anchor lines associated with the Tribal delayed release coho and aquaculture programs.

- **These areas are closed for set nets, refer to zone map identifying the above areas.**

**C. PICKERING PASSAGE - 13D-Pickering (On Reservation) (13D-2)**

1. Species.....Coho/chum
2. Season.....September 10<sup>th</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>
3. Weekly Openings... Actual daily openings announced by emergency regulation
  - a. Set nets
    1. Maximum length            300 feet coho season/600 feet chum season, November 2011
    2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches
  - b. Drift nets
    1. Maximum length            600 feet
    2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches
  - c. Beach seines
    1. Maximum length            600 feet
    2. Allowable stretch mesh   3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum
4. **Comments:**
  - a. Set nets on reservation 4 p.m. to 9 a.m. have priority to fish over beach seines.
  - b. The On-Reservation drift net fishery will be to target chum salmon destined for adjacent inlets. The 13D On-Reservation drift net fishery will be managed according to escapement requirements of the chum stocks intercepted.
  - c. All fish caught in area 13D-Pickering within ½ mile of Squaxin Island shall be reported on Treaty Fish Receiving Tickets as On-Reservation.

**D. PICKERING PASSAGE - 13D-Pickering (Off Reservation) (13D-2)**

1. Species.....Coho/chum
2. Season.....September 10<sup>th</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>
3. Weekly openings....Actual daily openings announced by emergency regulation.
  - a. Set nets
    1. Maximum length            300 feet coho season/600 feet chum season, November 2011
    2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches
  - b. Drift nets
    1. Maximum length            600 feet
    2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches
  - c. Beach seines
    1. Maximum length            600 feet
    2. Allowable stretch mesh   3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum

**E. SOUTHERN CASE INLET - 13D-Case (13D-4)**

1. Species.....Coho
2. Season.....September 10<sup>th</sup> - October 12<sup>th</sup>
3. Weekly Openings.....Actual daily openings announced by emergency regulation.

a. Set nets

1. Maximum length           600 feet
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

b. Drift nets

1. Maximum length           900 feet
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

c. Beach seines

1. Maximum length           600 feet
2. Allowable stretch mesh   3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum

4. **Comments:**

- a. All waters of 13D south and east of a line extending from the Johnson Point light to the Devil's Head light are closed.

**F. HENDERSON INLET - 13E**

1. Species.....Coho/chum
2. Season.....September 10<sup>th</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>
3. Weekly Openings.....**CLOSED**

**G. BUDD INLET - 13F**

1. Species.....Coho
2. Season.....September 10<sup>th</sup> - November 6<sup>th</sup>
3. Weekly Openings.....Actual daily openings announced by emergency regulation.

a. Set or Drift nets

1. Maximum length           600 feet Set nets/900 feet Drift nets
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

b. Beach seines

1. Maximum length           600 feet
2. Allowable stretch           3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum

4. **Comments:**

- a. All waters south of a line running true east to west from Priest Point to the opposite shore are closed.

H. **ELD INLET - 13G**

1. Species.....Chum
2. Season.....November 7<sup>th</sup> - December 25<sup>th</sup>
3. Weekly Openings.....Actual daily openings announced by emergency regulation

a. **Set or Drift nets: In those waters north of a line extending northeast from J.M. Peters dock to the point on the opposite shore and south of a line extending southeast from Flapjack Point to the northernmost point of land at the entrance to Green Cove:**

1. Maximum length           300 feet
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

b. **Set or Drift nets: In those waters north of the aforementioned Flapjack Point Green Cove boundary to the northern 13G boundary:**

1. Maximum length           600 feet
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

4. **Comments:**

- a. Nets may not be set over private oyster beds.
- b. All waters south of a line extending northeast from J.M. Peters dock to the point of land on the opposite shore are closed.

I. **TOTTEN INLET - 13H**

1. Species.....Chum
2. Season.....October 13<sup>th</sup> - January 30<sup>th</sup>
3. Weekly Openings.....Actual daily openings announced by emergency regulation.

a. **Drift nets**

1. Maximum length           900 feet
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

b. **Set Nets Only**

1. Maximum length           600 feet
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

4. **Comments:**

- a. All waters of Totten Inlet southwest of a line running northwest from the northern tip of Burns Point through the double pilings north of the Olympia Oyster Co. to the shore are closed (Kennedy Creek closure).

**J. SKOOKUM INLET - 13I**

1. Species.....Chum
2. Season.....November 7<sup>th</sup> - January 30<sup>th</sup>
3. Weekly Openings.....Actual daily openings announced by emergency regulation.
  - a. Set nets
    1. Maximum length           100 feet
    2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches
  - b. Beach seines
    1. Maximum length           600 feet
    2. Allowable stretch mesh   3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum
4. **Comments:**
  - a. Specific open and closed areas announced by emergency regulations.
  - b. Nets cannot be joined.

**K. HAMMERSLEY INLET - 13J**

1. Species.....Coho/Chum
2. Season.....September 10<sup>th</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>
3. Weekly Openings.....Actual daily openings announced by emergency regulation.
  - a. Set or Drift nets
    1. Maximum length           300 feet
    2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches
  - b. Beach seines
    1. Maximum length           600 feet
    2. Allowable stretch mesh   3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum
4. **Comments:**
  - a. Those waters of Hammersley Inlet southeast of a line drawn north from Skookum Point to the opposite shore and west of a line drawn south from Libby Point to the opposite shore will be closed to protect coho salmon destined for Mill Creek (Mill Creek closure).
  - b. Those waters west of a line projected north to south between the radio tower and Eagle Point are closed (Goldsborough Creek closure).
  - c. Those waters within a 100 yard radius of the mouth of Johns Creek (defined by the last house on the southwestern most side of the creek) are closed (Johns Creek closure).
  - d. Those waters northeast of a line drawn from the new Lake Limerick Road southeast to the opposite shore are closed (Cranberry - Deer Creek closure).

L. **NORTHERN CASE INLET - 13K**

1. Species.....Coho/chum
2. Season.....September 10th - December 31st
3. Weekly Openings.....Actual daily openings announced by emergency regulation

a. Set or Drift nets

1. Maximum length           600 feet
2. Minimum stretch mesh   5 inches

b. Beach seines

1. Maximum length           600 feet
2. Allowable stretch mesh   3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum

4. **Comments:**

- a. All waters west of a line running north to south from the northernmost portion of the concrete bulkhead fronting the Allyn Inn to the big rock on the easternmost shoreline on the point of land directly east of the Sherwood Creek mouth are closed to all fishing (Sherwood Creek closure).
- b. All waters north of the transmission tower line are closed to all fishing (Coulter Creek closure).
- c. All waters of Case Inlet east of a line drawn southeast from Rocky Point to the southernmost base of the spit in front of Vaughn Bay are closed to all fishing (Rocky Bay-Vaughn Bay closure).

M. **NISQUALLY REACH - 13-1, 13-2, Sequalitchew ,Marine Pass & Areas 10, 10A, 11&11A**

1. Species.....Coho/chum
2. Season.....CLOSED

3. **Comments:**

- a. **At this time the Squaxin Island Tribe anticipates no commercial fisheries in Areas 13-1, 13-2, Sequalitchew, Marine Pass & 10, 10A, 11 or 11A. However, if interceptory fisheries occur in these areas beyond those agreed upon informally or in allocation agreements, the Squaxin Island Tribe is prepared to open fisheries in these areas.**

## **SECTION VII: 2011 Medicine Creek Treaty In-Common Area Coho and Chum Regulations**

The waters of Carr Inlet (13A), Chambers Bay (13C), and Fox Island (13) are co-managed under joint Medicine Creek Treaty Council regulations and are thus dependent upon agreement by the Squaxin, Nisqually and Puyallup Tribes. Below are a summary of the preseason final draft regulations for Coho and Chum seasons, but may be subject to change. All involved Tribes must ratify any fisheries or modifications of the fisheries in these in-common areas. Medicine Creek Treaty In-Common Area openings will be announced by emergency regulation.

### **CARR INLET(Carr Inlet, Area 13A):**

Coho Sept. 18 – Oct. 22  
Chum Oct. 23– Dec. 3

Carr Inlet Weekly fishing schedule:

#### **Coho**

All gears: **OPEN 7 days per week, 24 hours per day beginning 12:00 noon, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. CLOSED effective 12:00 noon, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.** Burley Lagoon may open on, or after, **October 10 at 12:00 noon** for harvest of coho milling in the area. Any openings of Burley Lagoon will be of limited duration and structured to facilitate sampling. Any beach seine opening in the Burley Lagoon area will be a day light hour's selective coho fishery only. Beach seines fishing the Burley Lagoon area are required to release Chinook, chum and all non-adipose-clipped coho. Minter Bay may be opened on an occasional basis for harvest of coho. When open, the fishery will be limited to set nets only, with a 100' maximum length. The Lay Inlet closure will remain in effect throughout coho management. Harvest will be regulated in-season with hatchery escapement needs prevailing.

#### **Normal chum**

All gears: **OPEN 7 days per week, 24 hours per day, beginning 12:00 noon October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 CLOSED effective 12:00 noon, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, unless otherwise agreed.** The Glen Cove closure will be used, and Burley Lagoon will close during the chum management period to protect native chum spawning locally. The Lay Inlet closure will remain in effect through chum management.

#### **Gear types:**

**Marine drift gill nets - No drift gill net shall be left unattended.**

Maximum length - 1,800 feet

Minimum stretch mesh – 5 inches

**Marine set gill nets - Marine set nets shall be open 4pm-9am/7 days/week (Set Nets have priority over Beach Seines to fish 4pm-9am). No set net may extend more than 100' directly offshore (east) of the outermost oyster stakes at the mouth of Minter Bay.**

Maximum length - 900 feet

Minimum stretch mesh – 5 inches

#### **Beach seines**

Maximum length - 900 feet

Allowable stretch - 3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum

**FOX ISLAND PENS FISHING AREA (Fox Island, Area 13):**

Coho Sept. 17 – Oct. 22

Normal/late chum Closed unless agreed to be opened by Medicine Creek Treaty Tribes

Fox Island Weekly fishing schedule:

**Coho**

All gears: **OPEN 7 days/week, 24 hrs/day, beginning at noon, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. CLOSED as of 12:00 noon October 22<sup>nd</sup> to protect naturally spawning chum in Deep South Puget Sound (Areas 13A-K).**

**Normal/late chum**

**CLOSED.**

**Gear types:**

Marine drift gill nets - **No drift gill net shall be left unattended.**

Maximum length - 1,800 feet

Minimum stretch mesh – 5 inches

Marine set gill nets - **Marine set nets shall be tended not less than once every 24 hours.**

Maximum length - 900 feet

Minimum stretch mesh – 5 inches

Beach seines

Maximum length - 900 feet

Allowable stretch - 3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum

**NOTE: The agreed to coho fishing schedules have been made consistent with those in the Carr Inlet Fishing Area for management, enforcement and catch sampling reasons.**

**CHAMBER'S BAY FISHING AREA (Chamber's Bay, Area 13C):**

Coho October 9– October 29

Normal chum October 30– November 25

Late chum Closed

Chambers Bay Weekly fishing schedule:

**Coho**

Beginning: **October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Beach seines: **OPEN 1 day per week, from Sunday NOON to Monday NOON.**

Set nets: **OPEN 1 day per week, from Monday NOON to Tuesday NOON.**

Ending: **NOON October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**NOTE: The above schedule may change, to ensure fishable conditions.**

Chambers Bay Weekly fishing schedule Continued:

**Normal chum**

Beginning: **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Beach seines: **OPEN 2 days per week, Sunday NOON to Tuesday NOON.**

Set nets: **OPEN 2 days per week, Wednesday NOON to Friday NOON.**

Ending: **NOON November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Late chum**

**CLOSED to all gear types.**

**Gear types:**

Beach seines

Maximum length - 900 feet

Allowable stretch - 3 inch minimum-----4 inch maximum

Marine set gill nets - **Marine set nets shall be tended not less than once every 24 hours.**

Maximum length - 100 feet

Minimum stretch mesh – 5 inches

**Medicine Creek Treaty Tribes Fishing violations:**

The following actions may be subject to penalties and/or fines, in accordance with tribal fishing ordinances adopted by the Medicine Creek Treaty tribes:

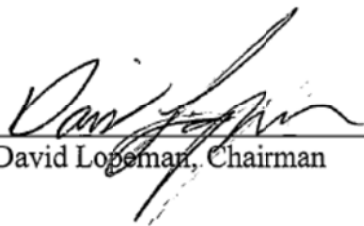
- Any gear not listed in the above Medicine Creek Regulations is illegal
- Wantonly wasting or destroying food fish
- Disposing of litter into the water or onto the shore while participating in the in-common fisheries of the Medicine Creek Treaty Tribes.

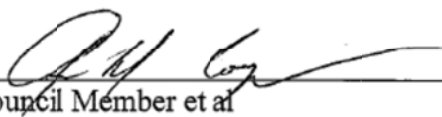
**Medicine Creek General Information**

- Unless otherwise agreed by all parties, the following procedure for opening and closing fisheries for all species will be implemented during the fishing season.
- In-common fisheries will close automatically when conservation concerns arise. The fishery biologists for the Medicine Creek Tribes (Nisqually, Squaxin Island, Puyallup) will be responsible for monitoring the fisheries and making technical recommendations to the tribal representatives who will then vote on those recommendations.
- When the end of the management period for one species is reached, the fishery will close for that species and automatically reopen for the species whose management period immediately follows. No policy approval is needed under this situation.
- Substantive changes in regulations, i.e. changes in gear type, fishing time, etc., must be approved by the policy representatives and fish committees of all three Medicine Creek Tribes.

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SQUAXIN ISLAND FISHING ORDINANCE,  
THIS REGULATION IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL**



  
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David Logeman, Chairman                      6/23/11                      Date

  
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Council Member et al                      6/23/11                      Date

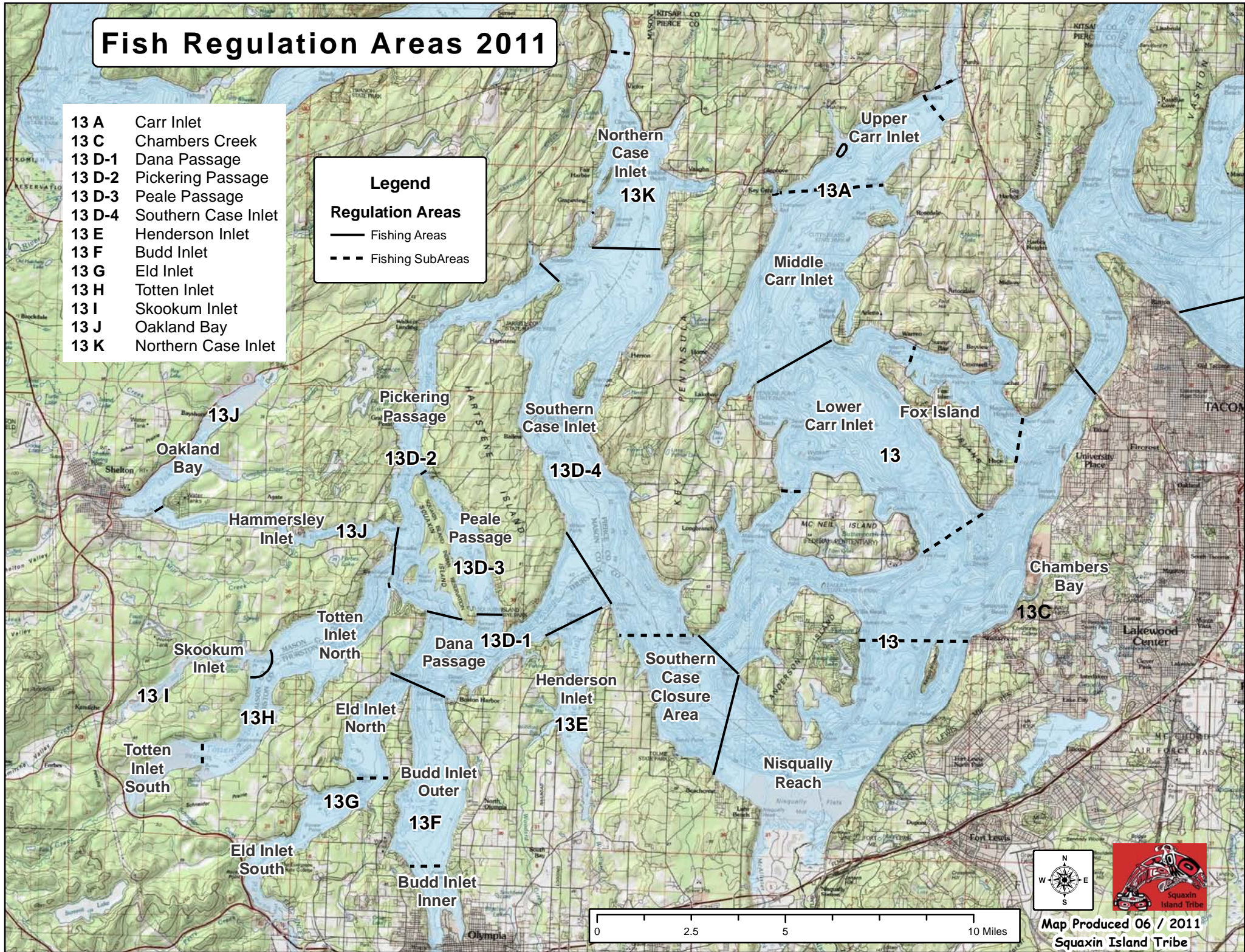
# Fish Regulation Areas 2011

- 13 A Carr Inlet
- 13 C Chambers Bay
- 13 D-1 Dana Passage
- 13 D-2 Pickering Passage
- 13 D-3 Peale Passage
- 13 D-4 Southern Case Inlet
- 13 E Henderson Inlet
- 13 F Budd Inlet
- 13 G Eld Inlet
- 13 H Totten Inlet
- 13 I Skookum Inlet
- 13 J Oakland Bay
- 13 K Northern Case Inlet

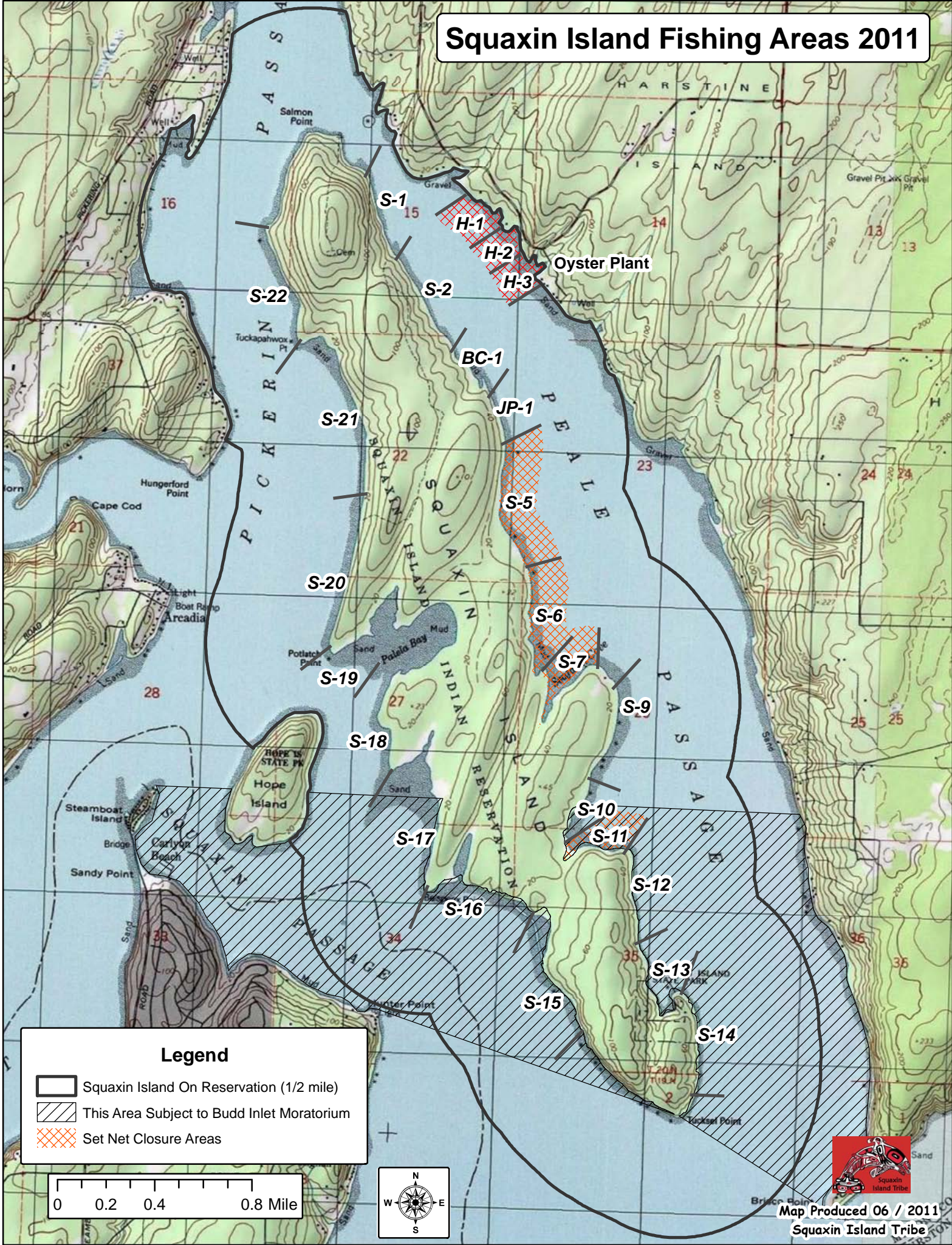
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**Regulation Areas**

- Fishing Areas
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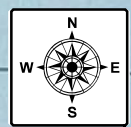
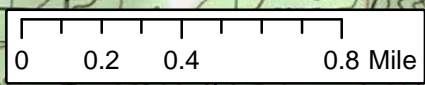


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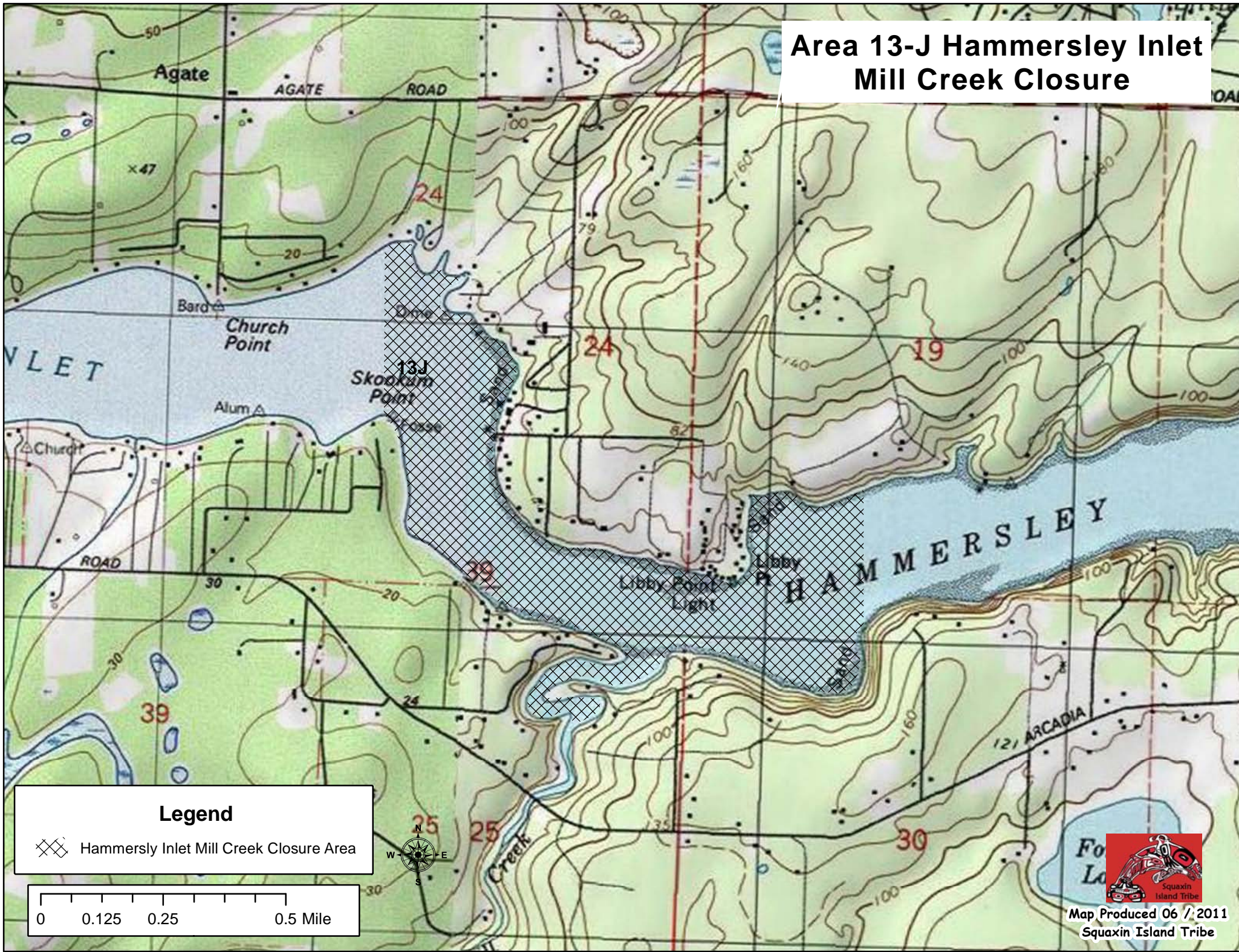


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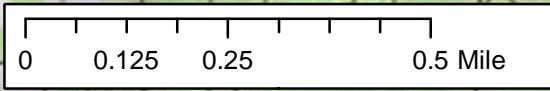
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- This Area Subject to Budd Inlet Moratorium
- Set Net Closure Areas



# Area 13-J Hammersley Inlet Mill Creek Closure



**Legend**  
Hammersley Inlet Mill Creek Closure Area



# Medicine Creek Treaty In Common Fishing Areas 2011



**Legend**

- Regulation Area Boundaries
- - - Area SubBoundaries



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Squaxin Island Tribe