



# Quinault Indian Nation

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## 2020-21 SEASONAL REGULATION - 02

**(NOTE: This Regulation Supersedes and Replaces GH Commercial Regulation – 01)**

**TO:** Quinault Tribal Members  
**FROM:** Quinault Ocean Fishers Committee, Quinault Department of Fisheries  
**DATE:** December 22, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Quinault Indian Nation **Grays Harbor commercial** crabbing season starting December 23, 2020 – 6 am.

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**Fishery/Purpose:** To establish continuous framework crab harvest regulation for the 2020-21 fishing season for the Quinault Indian Nation.

**SEASON:** December 23, 2020 through September 15, 2021 unless closed earlier by regulation. It is lawful to set baited crab gear and pull gear starting at 6:00 am Wednesday December 23, 2020.

**AREA:** The area open for fishing to authorized members of the Quinault Indian Nation shall be limited to all waters within Grays Harbor east of a line projected between the outermost end of the north jetty and the outermost exposed end of the south jetty and outside the mouths of tributary streams.

**2020-2021 BIOTOXIN (DOMOIC ACID) REQUIREMENTS:** Before fishing or landing any commercial Dungeness crab from the Grays Harbor or Ocean areas, refer to **2020-21 QUINAULT CRAB REGULATION – DOMOIC ACID REQUIREMENTS**

**REGULATIONS:** It is unlawful for any person to take, or possess for commercial purposes female Dungeness crabs. Only male Dungeness crabs measuring in 6-1/4 inches or more, caliper measurement, across the back immediately in front of the tips may be retained. Retention and/or sale of softshell crab are prohibited. There is no bag limit or quota. All crab harvested in the fishery shall be sold to the Quinault Tribal Enterprise or authorized agents of the Quinault Indian Nation. The use of long-line gear is permitted. Crab pots must have at least two (2) 4-1/4 inch minimum inside diameter escape rings and the lids secured with biodegradable cotton twine. **Each vessel is limited to 200 pots within Grays Harbor. Absolutely no crab may be landed after September 15, 2021 or earlier if closed by regulation. All crab must be landed within Quinault's U&A.**

**OFFLOADING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** It is a violation to offload any ocean crab unless the following requirements have been met:

1. Vessel skipper is required to contact Taholah Police Department dispatch at **360-276-4423 (or 4424) before leaving the Westport Marina.**
2. The skipper will provide the following information when they call: Time of arrival, estimated time of off-load, and location of off-load in Westport.

All calls will be logged by Taholah Police Department for proof of compliance and Fisheries Enforcement Officers will be notified. Failure to follow these requirements will be a violation of this regulation.

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**REPORTING:** All catch including ceremonial and subsistence must be reported on electronic fish receiving tickets. Dungeness Crab shall be sold only to Quinault authorized commercial fish buyers. The sale of Dungeness Crab harvested for ceremonial and subsistence use is prohibited.

All approved Buyers are required to indicate, on the electronic fish receiving tickets, the name of the Authorized Fisher that caught the crab and the management area it was caught in. In the event that an

individual other than that Authorized Fisher is declaring it on the Authorized Fisher's behalf, the individual declaring the crab must also be indicated on the fish receiving ticket. A list of currently approved Authorized Fishers is kept in the QDNR Permits Office.

**Due to potential health concerns with biotoxins it is REQUIRED to report catch areas on all electronic or other fish landing tickets.**

**GEAR IDENTIFICATION:** All crab pots, whether attended or unattended, must be clearly marked on the buoy with the fisher's tribal identification number preceded by the number 18.

**GEAR REGISTRATION:** Before participating in the 2020-21 Dungeness crab fishery it is the responsibility of Quinault Fishers to register buoy colors, buoy identification number and amount of crab pots being fished with the Quinault Fish and Game secretary. No fishing is allowed until this requirement is met.

**AUTHORIZED FISHERMEN:** Only individuals who possess a Quinault Indian Nation identification card are authorized to fish in Quinault fisheries. Nonmember spousal assistance is not authorized in any Quinault Grays Harbor Crab Fishery.

**GEAR REMOVAL:** A crab fisherman must remove his or her crab fishing gear from the ocean waters described by this regulation when the fishery closes or when he or she has discontinued fishing per Quinault Derelict Gear Regulations.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The recent test fishery results indicate that crab condition is healthy and harvestable, **provided processing guidelines are followed.**

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