



Quinault Indian Nation

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2024-2025 QUINAULT COMMERCIAL OCEAN CRAB FISHING ELECTRONIC MONITORING REGULATION

TO: Quinault Ocean Fishers, Quinault Fish and Game Enforcement
FROM: Quinault Ocean Fishers Committee / Quinault Department of Fisheries
DATE: December 26, 2024
SUBJECT: Crab Vessel Electronic Monitoring (EM) System Regulation and Requirements

REASON: To improve management of the Quinault Pacific Ocean Dungeness crab fishery.

SEASON: December 29, 2024 through September 15, 2025.

AREA: The area open for fishing to all tribal members shall be limited to all Pacific Ocean waters between Point Chehalis (46°53.30' N Lat.) and Destruction Island (47°40.10' N. Lat.), and due westward from shore no more than 30 nautical miles at any latitude.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM: It is unlawful for any Quinault registered crabbing vessel to harvest Dungeness crab in the ocean area noted above without:

- 1.) a properly installed and functioning EM System consisting of a SnapIT camera, AI Hub and GPS unit and,
- 2.) having submitted a fully completed and signed copy of the "Quinault Crab Vessel Electronic Monitoring System - Vessel Owner Compliance Form" to the Quinault Division of Natural Resources Fish and Game Office.

The Fish and Game Office will place the form in the respective vessel file. A fully completed copy must be on file before any gear is deployed or any crab landed by any Quinault registered vessel fishing in the 2042-2025 Pacific Ocean crab fishery.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE AND SEIZURE OF ANY CRAB LANDED BY A QUINAULT VESSEL UNTIL THE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE ARE MET.

BEFORE LEAVING PORT: It is unlawful for any vessel to leave port to harvest Dungeness crab in the ocean area described above without performing a Pre-Trip Check to verify the vessel has a fully functioning EM System.

- A Pre-Trip Check is performed on an electronic tablet or smart-phone linked to the vessel's EM system wi-fi broadcast. USB drive storage space, GPS operation and network connectivity show GREEN icons on-screen if working properly and video feed from the

mounted camera will show.

- If ANY of these systems are not functional, or the Pre-Trip check displays RED icons for any reason, the vessel skipper is required to contact Quinault Fisheries Enforcement immediately to report the malfunction and must not leave port before doing so. Contact information is below.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: The Quinault Electronic Monitoring Technical Support Specialist can be reached by text or voice at **360-590-0404**

SYSTEM OPERATION: During a crab-fishing trip both the vessel owner and skipper will be responsible for verifying that the system is working properly at all times until the vessel returns to port.

Should the system malfunction during a fishing trip the owner or skipper is immediately required to notify Quinault Fisheries Enforcement according to the contact information below. Once contact is made, the vessel may be;

- (1) allowed to continue crabbing; or
- (2) required to return to port immediately by Fisheries Enforcement based on overall functionality of the EM System.

It is illegal to lift any crab gear not registered to that vessel. Other vessel's gear can ONLY be lifted following notification to and authorization from Quinault Fisheries Enforcement. Violation of this provision will be prosecuted.

NOTIFICATION INFORMATION:

1. Vessel skipper shall contact Taholah Police Department dispatch at **360-276-4423 (or 4424)**, in the event of any EM System malfunction. The skipper shall provide contact information, which Taholah Police Department shall provide to Fisheries Enforcement. Fisheries Enforcement will then call the vessel back at the contact number left with Taholah Police Dispatch.
2. The vessel skipper will comply with any direction given by Quinault Fisheries Enforcement. 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.

OTHER: Vessel owners and skippers must allow Quinault Fisheries Enforcement or Quinault Department of Fisheries staff onboard at any time to retrieve data-storage USB-drives from the EM System for analysis. It is a violation of this regulation to not allow staff onboard to do so.

NOTE: All provisions of this regulation will be enforceable upon review of EM System data retrieved from any Quinault vessel.

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