



# Quinault Indian Nation

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## 2020-21 OCEAN CRAB ELECTRONIC MONITORING REGULATION - 01

**TO:** Quinault Tribal Members  
**FROM:** Quinault Department of Fisheries  
**DATE:** December 15, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Crab Vessel Electronic Monitoring (EM) System Requirements

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

**SEASON:** Opening Date (to be determined) through September 15, 2021 unless closed earlier by regulation.

**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. (Note: This regulation does not apply to Quinault crab vessels when fishing under the Quinault Grays Harbor Commercial crabbing regulation.)

**ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM:** It is unlawful for any Quinault registered crabbing vessel to harvest Dungeness crab in the ocean area noted above without both 1.) a properly-installed and functioning EM System and 2.) having submitted an annual, fully completed, 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's file. Each season, a fully completed copy must be submitted before any gear is deployed or crab landed by any Quinault registered vessel fishing in the Pacific Ocean crab fishery. Vessel owners are responsible for maintaining the EM System and assume all costs for repairs and replacement. QIN Staff is available to assist with troubleshooting and replacement of components. It will be a violation of this regulation for anyone to willfully damage or destroy the EM System or its components.

### **2020-2021 SEASON EXCEPTIONS:**

**Vessels with Systems Installed:** Vessels that have previously installed EM systems will only require that the GPS and Camera data are being recorded on the system hard drives. Hydraulic pressure sensors and RFID Tag Readers are not required to be operating for the 2020-2021 ocean crab season.

**Vessels with No System Installed:** Vessels new to the ocean crab fishery that do not have an EM system installed are allowed to harvest crab in the ocean area during the 2020-2021 crab harvest season upon signing an agreement to have a system installed during the first 90 days of the fishing season. Installation will take approximately six hours and must be coordinated with the Quinault Department of Fisheries EM Support technician (360-590-0404). Agreements are available at the QDNR Permits Office and will be filed and shared with QIN Resource Enforcement.

**RFID Tags not Required:** RFID tags will not be required for the 2020-21 Ocean Dungeness Crab Season. It is not required to have tags installed in buoys, or have tags read by RFID tag reader on the vessel deck.

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**BEFORE LEAVING PORT:** It is unlawful for any vessel to leave port to harvest Dungeness crab in the ocean area described above without a functioning EM System or without an agreement to have a system installed. A fully functioning EM System will not display any warning "red lights" on the installed monitor

for all functions of the EM System including, Hard-drive space, GPS, and Video camera. If ANY of these components of the system is not functional, or the monitor displays a "red light" for any reason, the vessel skipper is required to contact Quinault Dept. of Fisheries EM Support immediately to report the malfunction and must not leave port before doing so. Contact information is shown in the "Notification Information" section of this regulation.

**SYSTEM OPERATIONS WHILE FISHING:** During the course of 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 in any way the owner or skipper is immediately required to notify Quinault Department of Fisheries EM Support according to the contact information below. During a fishing trip, 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. Violations of this provision will be prosecuted.**

**NOTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

1. Vessel skipper shall contact **Quinault Department of Fisheries EM Support** at **360-590-0404** in the event of any EM System malfunction. The skipper shall provide detailed information describing the EM System malfunction and provide a contact number to call back.
2. The skipper will comply with any direction given them by **Quinault Department of Fisheries EM Support**.

All calls will be logged by **Quinault Department of Fisheries EM Support** including Skipper's statement of EM System operation and directions given by EM Support for a record of compliance. Quinault Fisheries Enforcement Officers will be notified of each contact and outcome. Failure to follow these requirements will be a violation of this regulation.

Should the EM Support number be unreachable or unresponsive, it is the vessel skipper's responsibility to document this by either:

- ✓ Calling Taholah Police Dispatch at **360-276-4422**
- ✓ OR emailing the message to [ResourceEnforcement@quinault.org](mailto:ResourceEnforcement@quinault.org)

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

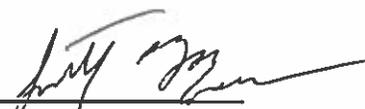
**NOTE: All provisions of this regulation will be enforceable upon review of EM System hard drive data retrieved from any Quinault vessel.**

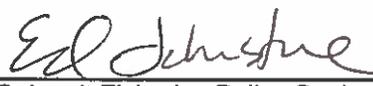
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