



Quinault Indian Nation

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2016-17 QUINAULT CRAB GEAR REMOVAL REGULATION

TO: Quinault Crab Fishers
Quinault Tribal Law Enforcement
FROM: Quinault Business Committee
DATE: November 20, 2016
SUBJECT: Removal of Unattended Crab Gear

Purpose: To remove from all areas of the Quinault Usual and Accustomed Harvest areas, crab gear that has not been attended to at least once every thirty days.

Gear Removal: Any Quinault Fishers that have not had crab landings within any thirty day period as determined by fish ticket data are required by this regulation to remove all of their crab gear from the Quinault Usual and Accustomed harvest areas including Grays Harbor and the Pacific Ocean. Landings, both commercial and subsistence, shall be determined by commercial fish receiving tickets.

After thirty days with no landings, the registered pot owner must remove all crab gear. Written notification will be sent to the fisherman notifying them that all of their gear must be removed from the water within 21 days and that they are no longer legally registered to participate in the Quinault Crab Fishery. If crab gear is not removed by the date specified in the letter, the owner will be subject to forfeiture of gear and subject to fines and penalties pursuant to Title 51 of the Quinault Tribal Code.

Returning to the Fishery: Any Quinault Fisher may elect to return to the crab fishery by re-registering their crab gear with the Quinault Fish and Game Permits Office. Crab gear must be removed by the season close date of 11:59pm September 15, 2017. After closure of the fishery, the owner will be subject to forfeiture of gear and subject to fines and penalties pursuant to Title 51 of the Quinault Tribal Code.

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Quinault Business Committee

Quinault Department of Fisheries