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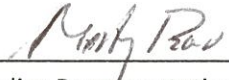
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DUNGENESS CRAB REGULATIONS 2018-2019

October 17, 2018

- FISHERY:** COMMERCIAL
- SPECIES:** Dungeness Crab (*Cancer magister*)
- SEASON:** From 12:01 a.m. November 1, 2018 through September 15, 2019. 7 days/week, 24 hours/day. With a 64 hour gear-setting period to precede season opening.
- AREA:** From 48° 10'00" North Latitude (Cape Alava) south to 47°31'42" North Latitude (Queets River).
- EFFORT:** 5-7 vessels with no pot limits.
- EST. HARVEST:** Upper limit: Total treaty harvest 3.0 million pounds. Based on 50% of the 5 year average harvest (treaty/nontreaty) in area 59A-1, 59A-2, and 60A-1
- LEGAL GEAR:** No gear restrictions.
All unattended gear must be marked with a buoy visible on the surface of water except during strong tidal flow or extreme weather conditions. Buoys shall be visible and legibly marked with **assigned buoy colors** and ID# branded to a **depth of 1/2 inch** in order to identify the owner or operator of the gear. The minimum size limit in the commercial fishery is 6 1/4 inches (caliper measure) and harvest of female crabs is prohibited. Pot gear must have at least two circular escape rings located on the upper half of each pot, each measuring at least 4 1/4 inches (inside diameter). Pot gear must have "rot away" chord such that entrapped crab can escape from lost or abandoned pots. There is no bag limit.
- RECORD KEEPING:** The Quileute Tribe will monitor commercial Dungeness crab harvest through shellfish receiving tickets or reported directly to QNR. Data will be available monthly. This regulation supersedes any previous regulation of the Quileute Tribe for commercial Harvest of Dungeness crab.


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