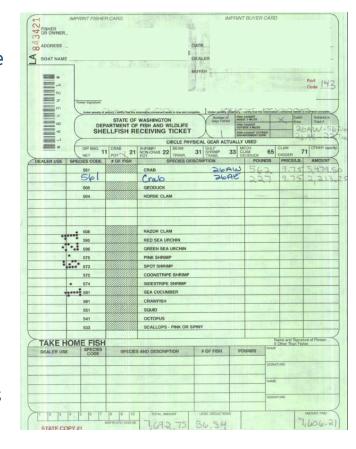
Electronic Fish Ticket Reporting and WA-tix Application



Background – Fish Receiving Ticket (FRT)

- FRT official WDFW document, available in paper or electronic form, for recording the delivery of commercial fish and shellfish
 - E.G Required information fisher ID, vessel name, date of landing, original receiver, catch area, lbs/units, etc.
- Receipt from a fish/shellfish delivery between harvester and "original receiver"
 - Original receiver *often* wholesale fish buyer
- Submitting complete and accurate FRTs ontime, are fundamental to effective fisheries management
 - Paper FRTs mailed to WDFW within 6 days after landing
 - E-tix are available as soon as submitted
 - Some fisheries have additional reporting requirements
 "quick reporting"





Background

- Coastal Rulemaking commission adopted rules in Fall 2021 implementing mandatory electronic catch reporting (WAC) for commercial crab and shrimp fisheries.
- E-tix is already in place and used voluntarily for many coastal shellfish landings
- WA-Tix Development mobile electronic catch reporting application, to support small buyers who don't have access to E-tix in development by WDFW.
- Implementation of mandatory electronic reporting delayed via emergency regulation to allow for continued development of the WA-Tix application and to address two new issues.
- Electronic fish ticket reporting will be mandatory at the start of the 2022-2023 season





WA-TIX MOBILE APPLICATION

WA-tix app

- •Meet requirements of state regulations requiring electronic fish ticket reporting.
- •Electronically submit, sign, and void tickets.
- Verify identity of the fisher
- •Filter tickets by status: Draft, Submitted and Voided.
- •Search existing tickets by any parameter included in the ticket entry.
- •Fish ticket number, version, landing date, submit date, status, port, vessel, price, fisher, buyer, ticket type, and more.
- •View summaries of tickets and receive email copies of transactions.
- •View tickets of authorized users associated with their account.
- •Track tickets that were created cross-platform via the WA-TIX web, Android, and iOS apps.



WaTix

Welcome to the Washington Electronic Ticket mobile app.

Pre-registration with Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) is required in order to use the app.

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Electronic catch reporting - enforcement issues

- Paper fish tickets require that the original receiver is present at the location and time of the purchase or delivery.
- When submitting electronic fish receiving tickets using a mobile catch reporting application/software (e.g. WA-Tix), there is a potential loophole for users to not be physically present at the location of purchase or delivery.
- For example, if there is a biotoxin event where crab landings are only allowed in a certain port to protect public health, knowing the location of the delivery would be an important enforcement tool.
- Requiring geolocation be provided when submitting an electronic fish receiving ticket when using a mobile application would address this enforcement challenge.



Recent Commission Action

Updates WAC 220-352-010 and 220-352-040.

- Changes will require that dealers enable the location function on their mobile devices when submitting electronic fish tickets when using the WA-Tix application.
- This requirement is necessary to improve the enforceability of landing restrictions that may be associated with the location of landings.



WA-tix Training and Outreach

- Most crab reporting is already completed with E-tix
- Completing final app testing
- WDFW staff will reach out to dealers that are still using paper tickets to provide one on one support
- Potentially other focused, in person training and support
- Web-site with helpful information including user manuals
- Dedicated staff to help with problems



Questions?

