

Electronic Fish Ticket Reporting and WA-tix Application



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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 on-time, 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”

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE SHELLFISH RECEIVING TICKET

CIRCLE PHYSICAL GEAR ACTUALLY USED

DEALER USE	SPECIES CODE	# OF FISH	SPECIES DESCRIPTION	POUNDS	PRICE/LB	AMOUNT
	561		CRAB	26AW	5.62	9.75
	565		GEODUCK	26AE	2.27	9.75
	504		HORSE CLAM			
	508		RAZOR CLAM			
	595		RED SEA URCHIN			
	596		GREEN SEA URCHIN			
	575		PINK SHRIMP			
	572		SPOT SHRIMP			
	572		COONSTRIPE SHRIMP			
	574		SEASTRIPE SHRIMP			
	591		SEA CUCUMBER			
	581		CRAWFISH			
	551		SQUID			
	541		OCTOPUS			
	533		SCALLOPS - PINK OR SPINY			

TAKE HOME FISH

DEALER USE	SPECIES CODE	SPECIES AND DESCRIPTION	# OF FISH	POUNDS	NAME

TOTAL AMOUNT: 7,692.75
LESS DEDUCTIONS: 86.54
AMOUNT PAID: 7,606.21



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?

