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Dear Coastal Dungeness Crab Fishery Participant:

On September 22, 2023, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) sent you a notice outlining proposed rule changes that will require an Electronic Monitoring (EM) system to be installed on all vessels participating in the WA coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery by January 1, 2024. The previous notice can be found at the following link: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-09/em-application-notice.pdf>.

This notice serves as a reminder that WDFW has secured funding to provide an Archipelago FishVue LIME EM system to coastal Dungeness crab fishery participants that have recently participated in the coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery. To be eligible to receive a system, please ensure that the following are completed by the application deadline of October 25, 2023:

1. Renew your license: Coastal crab license owners, operators, and **alternate operators** must renew their licenses and designate the vessel applying for a device by October 25, 2023. Failure of alternate operators to renew their license will prevent processing of the coastal crab license.
2. Apply for an EM system: An EM system application is attached to this notice. Applications must be received by October 25, 2023 for applicants to be included in the first priority category.

The distribution of EM systems will begin after November 1, for qualified applicants. WDFW has developed an application process and qualification criteria to facilitate the equitable distribution of EM systems (see the September 22, 2023 notice). Applications received after October 25th will be processed in the order they are received, dependent on EM system availability.

If you have already submitted an application, please do not submit additional applications.

For any questions please contact:

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Sincerely,

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**APPLICATION FOR WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB ELECTRONIC
MONITORING SYSTEM**

WDFW has secured funding to distribute EM systems to participating Washington coastal Dungeness crab vessels. Preference will be given to vessels based on criteria listed in the industry notice dated **September 22nd, 2023**. To be eligible to receive a system you must complete, sign, and **return this form to the address listed below**. By submitting this application, you are authorizing WDFW to share the information you provide with Archipelago Marine Research Ltd and the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

VESSEL NAME: _____ **DOC#:** _____

VESSEL OPERATOR NAME: _____

LICENSE NUMBER: _____

**DID THIS VESSEL PARTICIPATE IN THE WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS
CRAB FISHERY DURING THE 2022/2023 SEASON?** _____

**DID THIS VESSEL PARTICIPATE IN THE WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS
CRAB FISHERY DURING THE 2021/2022 SEASON?** _____

You must provide a physical address (not a PO Box) to receive an EM system:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Vessel Owner/Primary Operator Signature

Date

Vessel Owner/Primary Operator Printed Name

If you have any questions, please contact:
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Return forms to: WDFW Region 6 EM Program
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