Coast Guard medically evacuates Hoquiam, Wash., man from vessel offshore of Grays Harbor, Wash.

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ASTORIA, Ore. - The Coast Guard medically evacuated a 38-year-old man from a 58-foot fishing vessel 35 miles west of Grays Harbor, Wash., Tuesday.

The crew of the fishing vessel Melissa Lynn contacted the Coast Guard at approximately 8 a.m. to request assistance for Lawrence Lorton of Hoquiam, Wash., who had injured his hand. A Coast Guard rescue helicopter crew from Air Station Astoria and a 47-foot motor lifeboat crew from Station Grays Harbor responded to the scene.The helicopter crew conducted a successful hoist of the injured man and transported him to Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Ore.

In this video released by the Coast Guard, an HH-60 helicopter crew performs the medically evacuated of Lawrence Lorton of Hoquiam, Wash., May 26, 2009. Lorton injured his hand while working aboard the fishing vessel Melissa Lynn. (U.S. Coast Guard video/PA2 Shawn Eggert)

In this photo released by the Coast Guard, Lt. j.g. Julie Adams, a flight surgeon from Coast Guard Group Astoria, Ore., treats the hand of Lawrence Lorton of Hoquiam, Wash., aboard an HH-60 helicopter from Air Station Astoria, May 26, 2009. Lorton injured his hand while working aboard the fishing vessel Melissa Lynn. (U.S. Coast Guard Photo/PA2 Shawn Eggert)

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