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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders and Interested Persons,



Testing of crab in recent weeks show the elevated levels of domoic acid in the southern half of the state have decreased and are all below U.S. Food and Drug Administration alert level of 30ppm for three sample periods in a row. All Oregon crab domoic acid results are posted on our website at

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/shellfish/commercial/crab/news_publications.asp.

Based on these results and consultations with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon commercial crab industry and Washington and California Departments of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is opening the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season along the entire Oregon coast Jan 4. The area from the WA/OR border to Destruction Island, WA will open at the same time. The commercial Dungeness crab fishery opening structure in Oregon will be as follows:

73 hr presoak begins (setting gear): January 1, 8:00AM

Hold Inspections: January 3, see schedule on back

Start date (pulling gear): January 4, 9:00AM

As the season gets underway, state agencies will continue to monitor marine biotoxins in shellfish to ensure that the concentrations remain below the alert level to ensure the consumer safety. We would like to thank everyone involved with testing to help us ensure that Oregon Dungeness crab are of excellent quality and safe to consume.

Fair start provision reminder:

The latest round of domoic acid tests in California continue to show domoic acid levels above health agency thresholds and the fishery in California will continue to be delayed. Fair Start provisions will be in place for the delayed fishery in California. Vessels that participate in the fishery north of the OR/CA border before the area south of the OR/CA border opens will not be allowed to fish south of OR/CA border until 30-days after the California fishery opens. For further information on this subject, please contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Vessel Hold Inspections reminders:

During hold inspections the vessel operator or owner must declare their intention to fish north or south of the OR/CA border. Each inspection certificate must be signed by the vessel operator or owner, not by a crewman.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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2015-16 Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Opening Information

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Dungeness Crab Hold Inspection Schedule

After hours contact for all locations: (800) 452-7888

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONTACT NUMBER</u>
COLUMBIA RIVER		(503) 325-2231
Warrenton Deep Sea	12 - 1 P.M.	
Hammond Boat Basin	1 - 1:30 P.M.	
Warrenton Boat Basin	2 - 3 P.M.	
Astoria West End Basin	3 - 3:30 P.M.	
Astoria East End Basin	3 - 3:30 P.M.	
GARIBALDI		(503) 842-4433
Boat Basin	11 - 1 P.M.	
PACIFIC CITY	Call after 12 P.M.	(503) 842-4433
DEPOE BAY	Call after 12 P.M.	(541) 265-5353
NEWPORT		(541) 265-5353
South Beach Marina	12 - 1 P.M.	
Seafood Proc. Docks-Bay Blvd.	12 - 4 P.M.	
Port Dock 3, 5 & 7	12 - 4 P.M.	
FLORENCE	Call after 12 P.M.	(541) 997-2211
WINCHESTER BAY		(541) 269-5000
Boat Basin	11:30 - 12:30 P.M.	
CHARLESTON		(541) 269-5000
Small Boat Basin	12 - 1 P.M.	
Charleston Boat Basin	1 - 3 P.M.	
Hallmark Fisheries	3 - 4 P.M.	
BANDON		(541) 269-5000
Boat Basin	3:30 - 4 P.M.	
PORT ORFORD		(541) 247-6641
Dock	12 - 2:30 P.M.	
BROOKINGS		(541) 247-6641
Boat Basin	12 - 4 P.M.	
Port Docks	12 - 4 P.M.	