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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders and Interested Persons,



Based on domoic acid results and consultations with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Oregon commercial crab industry, we are opening the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season south of Cape Blanco (42° 50' 00" N. Lat.) as follows:

73 hr presoak begins (setting gear): December 15, 8:00AM

Hold Inspections: December 17, see schedule on back

Start date (pulling gear): December 18, 9:00AM

Fair start provision reminders:

Fair Start provisions will be in place for all delayed areas in Oregon. A vessel used for fishing crab in any open zone within the Tri-State management area (from Klipsan Beach, WA south to Point Arena, CA) may not be used for fishing crab in any other zone within the Tri-State area that opens at a later date until 30 days after the later opening date.

Vessel Hold Inspections reminders:

The vessel operator or owner must declare on the pre-season hold inspection certificate the zone in which the vessel will start fishing. Each inspection certificate must be signed by the vessel operator or owner, not by a crewman.

The area north of Cape Blanco to the OR/WA border will continue to be delayed until completion of additional testing for domoic acid. We will be continuing to work closely with ODA, fishery managers from WA and CA, and the Oregon commercial Dungeness crab industry to test crab as regularly as possible.

We would like to thank everyone involved with testing that has occurred so far and on-going testing efforts to help us ensure that Oregon Dungeness crab are of excellent quality and safe to consume.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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2016-17 Commercial Dungeness Crab
Season Opening Information for the area
Cape Blanco to the OR/CA border

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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>
PORT ORFORD		(541) 247-7050
Dock	12 - 2:30 P.M.	
BROOKINGS		(541) 247-7050
Boat Basin	12 - 4 P.M.	
Port Docks	12 - 4 P.M.	