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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders and Interested Persons,

Based on meat recovery and domoic acid results, and in consultation with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), the Oregon commercial crab industry, and California and Washington fishery managers, we are opening the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season south of Cape Falcon (45° 46' 00" N. Lat.) to the Oregon/California border as follows:

73 hr presoak begins (setting gear): December 13, 8:00AM

Hold Inspections: December 15, see schedule on back

Start date (pulling gear): December 16, 9:00AM



The commercial Dungeness crab fishery will remain closed in the Pacific Ocean and Columbia River from Cape Falcon northward to the Washington border in order to coordinate an orderly start with the Washington coastal Dungeness crab fishery. Results from recent domoic acid testing of crab conducted by the state of Washington exceeded federally established thresholds for human health, and therefore Washington is delaying the coastal fishery until further testing is conducted. ODA will continue to regularly test crab viscera from all areas in Oregon that have razor clam domoic acid results above the alert level of 20ppm.

Fair start provision reminders:

Fair start provisions will be in place for the delayed area north of Cape Falcon. 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, except for any areas delayed due to high marine life concentrations.

Vessel Hold Inspections reminders:

Vessels must obtain a hold inspection prior to participating in the fishery for the first 30 days after opening. 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.

We would like to thank everyone involved with preseason meat recovery and domoic acid testing efforts this year to help us ensure that Oregon Dungeness crab are of good quality and safe to consume.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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2020-21 Commercial Dungeness Crab
Cape Falcon (45° 46' 00" N. Lat.) to OR/CA border
Season Opening Schedule

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Hold Inspections: December 15, see schedule below

Start date (pulling gear): December 16, 9:00AM

Hold Inspection Schedule

After hours or for other locations: (800) 452-7888 or *OSP from a cellphone

LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT NUMBER
Garibaldi Boat Basin	11-1 PM	(503) 842-4433
Pacific City	Call after 12 PM	(503) 842-4433
Depoe Bay	Call after 12 PM	(541) 265-5353
Newport South Beach Marina Seafood Proc. Docks- Bay Blvd. Port Dock 3, 5 & 7	12-1 PM 12-4 PM 12-4 PM	(541) 265-5353
Florence	Call after 12 PM	(541) 997-2211
Winchester Bay Boat Basin	11:30-12:30	(541) 269-5000
Charleston Small Boat Basin Charleston Boat Basin Hallmark Fisheries	12-1 PM 1-3 PM 3-4 PM	(541) 269-5000
Bandon	Call after 12 PM	(541) 269-5000
Port Orford	12-2:30 PM	(541) 247-7050
Brookings Boat Basin Port Docks	12-4 PM	(541) 247-7050