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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders and Interested Persons,

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 north of Cape Falcon (45° 46' 00" N. Lat.) in coordination with Washington's coastal crab fishery as follows:

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

Hold Inspections: February 15, see schedule on p.2

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



Evisceration requirements: The area from Point Chehalis, WA to the OR/WA border will open with an evisceration requirement. This will mean:

- For crab landings into Oregon** – all landings with any crab harvested from the area between OR/WA border to Point Chehalis, WA will be required to be eviscerated. Trucking crab to a licensed food processor for evisceration at a different location from point of landing is allowed. [Oregon's crab Harvest Area map](#) was updated to include all individual Washington crab harvest areas so that crab harvested from Washington and landed or shipped into Oregon can be traced by area through the market chain under Oregon's crab traceability rules. Landings of crab into Oregon that only contain crab harvested from Oregon harvest areas (including Area 50-A) will not have an evisceration requirement at this time. An evisceration requirement will be implemented if ODA crab viscera results are equal to or exceed 30 ppm in subsequent testing.
- For crab landings into Washington** - all crab landed into WA from south of Point Chehalis, WA, including crab from Oregon (all harvest areas in Oregon), will be required to be eviscerated. See Washington's industry notice posted [here](#) for more information.

ODA will continue to regularly test crab viscera from all areas in Oregon that have razor clam domoic acid results at or above the alert level of 20ppm. For details on specific areas and dates of sampling see ODA's crab biotoxin information website [here](#).

Fair start provisions:

A vessel used for fishing crab in any open zone within the Tri-State management area (from the United States-Canadian Border south to Point Arena, CA) may not be used for fishing crab north of Cape Falcon until March 18, 2021. Vessels that are also permitted in other states' Dungeness crab fishery should also reference those states' fair start provisions.

Vessel hold inspection 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.

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/WA border
Season Opening Schedule

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Hold Inspection Schedule

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

LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT NUMBER
Columbia River Deep Sea Basin Hammond Boat Basin Warrenton Boat Basin Astoria West End Basin	12-1 PM By appointment 2-3 PM 3-3:30 PM	(503) 842-4433