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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders and Interested Persons,



In consultation with the crab industry, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and California and Washington fishery managers, based on meat recovery and domoic acid results from preseason testing, ODFW is opening a portion of the Oregon ocean commercial Dungeness crab season as follows:

**Cape Falcon (45° 46' 00" N. Lat.) to Oregon/Washington border (46° 15' 00" N. Lat.)**

**73 hr presoak begins (setting gear):** January 29, 8:00 a.m.

**Hold Inspections:** January 31, see schedule on back

**Start date (pulling gear):** February 1, 9:00 a.m.

The continued delay in this area until February 1 will allow additional time for crab to fill with meat and a coordinated opening with southern Washington.

**Fair start provision reminders:**

Fair start provisions will be in place for any delayed areas in the Tri-State area (from the Washington/Canada border south to Point Arena, CA). A vessel used for fishing crab in any open zone within these areas 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:**

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.

**Closed area transit allowance (by temporary rule):**

Requirements remain in place until February 1. For all details see information posted [here](#).

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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# **2023-24 Commercial Dungeness Crab**

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## **Season Opening Schedule**

73 hr presoak begins (setting gear): January 29, 8:00 a.m.

Hold Inspections: January 31, see schedule below

Start date (pulling gear): February 1, 9:00 a.m.

## **Hold Inspection Schedule**

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

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Columbia River</b> Deep Sea Basin Hammond Boat Basin Warrenton Boat Basin Astoria West End/Pier 2	12-4 PM