



# Oregon

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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):** December 28, 8:00 a.m.

**Hold Inspections:** December 30, see schedule on back

**Start date (pulling gear):** December 31, 9:00 a.m.

#### **Fair start provision reminders:**

Fair start provisions will be in place for any delayed areas in the Tri-State area (from Klipsan Beach, WA south to Point Arena, CA). Any vessel that started fishing in the area from the OR/CA border to Cape Falcon, OR prior to December 31, 9:00 am will not be allowed to fish in the area from Cape Falcon to Klipsan Beach (46° 28' 00") until 9:00 am on January 30, 2026. Fishing includes setting gear. For details on fair start provisions north of Klipsan Beach, see the [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Industry Notice](#).

#### **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 reminders:**

Vessels with an activated Vessel Monitoring System or Electronic Monitoring system and registered with ODFW may possess and land Dungeness crab in an area that is otherwise closed to take of Dungeness crab for commercial purposes under certain conditions. Review the full requirements and register for closed area transit in Oregon [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 excellent quality and ready for harvest.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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**2025-26 Commercial Dungeness Crab**  
**Cape Falcon (45° 46' 00" N. Lat.) to OR/CA border**  
**Season Opening Schedule**

73 hr presoak begins (setting gear): December 28, 8:00 a.m.

Hold Inspections: December 30, see schedule below

Start date (pulling gear): December 31, 9:00 a.m.

**Hold Inspection Schedule**

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

After-hours appointments may be limited and could be delayed based on availability.

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