



Industry Notice

Commercial Crab

June 22, 2026

Marine Resources Program
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
2040 SE Marine Science Drive
Newport, OR 97365
www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) will hold a public meeting on **August 14, 2026**, starting at 8:00 am, to consider adopting proposed rules for an electronic vessel monitoring requirement in the Oregon ocean commercial Dungeness crab fishery and to establish additional criteria and guidelines for issuing experimental fishing gear permits. The Commission will also consider a housekeeping amendment to align rules on surface gear for commercial crab with distributed outreach materials.

Please note a change to the deadline for written public comments. **Written public comment will open June 25, 2026 and close July 24, 2026 at 8:00 am.** To submit written comments during this timeframe, go to the public comment link under "Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery and Experimental Fishing Gear Permit Regulations" on this page: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs/rulemaking_permanent.html.

A summary of the proposed rules, draft rule language, and a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Fiscal Impact Statement (FIS) will also be posted to the above page for your reference. Additional meeting materials, including the full Agenda Item Summary, will be posted on the Commission website about two weeks before the meeting: <https://myodfw.com/commission-meeting-schedule-agendas-and-minutes>.

The August 14 Commission meeting will be held in-person at ODFW headquarters in Salem (4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR 97302) and will have an option for virtual participation. No changes have been made to the opportunities for in-person or virtual public testimony. To register for public testimony, see instructions here: <https://myodfw.com/meeting-procedures>.

At this meeting, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) staff will also provide the Commission with an informational briefing on a five-year evaluation of entanglement risk reduction measures. This evaluation will not be accompanied by any proposed permanent rule changes at this time, including no permanent change to the implementation date of late-season measures.

Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns at any time.

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