Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Regulations:
Key Points Guide for 2006-2007

Size and Sex
- Only whole male Dungeness crabs 6 ¼ inches or larger may be landed or possessed. 
  *Measurement is made in front of and not including the 10th (widest) spine.*
- All other crab must be returned to the ocean quickly and in good condition.

![FEMALE CRAB](bottom view)
![MINIMUM MEASUREMENT](top view)
![MALE CRAB](bottom view)

Gear
- Crab pots must have escape rings and approved destruct mechanisms
  (e.g. tied with untreated 120 thread count twine)*.
- All crab pots must have a pot tag attached to it identifying the owner or the vessel.
- All crab pots must have ODFW issued Buoy Tag attached to the first buoy (closest to the pot).
- Crab pot buoys must be marked with an assigned number registered with ODFW’s Newport office.
  *(see ODFW regulation synopsis for specific details on escapement and twine requirements, etc.)*

Seasons, Trip Limits, and Reporting Requirements
- Baited crab pots may be set up to 64 hours prior to season opening.
- If fishing within the first 30 days of official season opening, vessels must possess an ODFW crab boat hold
  inspection and area declaration certificate before landing crab in Oregon.
- A Dungeness crab permit is not required for vessels setting gear for another crab permitted vessel.
- Commercial Dungeness crabbing in the ocean, including the Columbia River, is closed from August 15
  through November 30.
- Crab pots may not be used in any bay or estuary except the Columbia River.
- Crab pots must be recovered from the ocean no later than 14 days after season closure. Crab pots must be
  removed from the Columbia river by August 15.
- For information about changes for 2006-07 season pertaining to Pot Limits, Buoy Tags, or LE-200 with
  CA, contact an ODFW office.
- **Reminder:** All commercial fishers landing Dungeness crab **must report the area of primary catch** to the
  dealer for fish tickets at the time of landing.

Please consult the current Oregon Commercial Fishing Regulations synopsis and/or the
Oregon State Police for comprehensive regulations and interpretations.

Report poaching to OSP (Oregon State Police) - (800) 452-7888

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