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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders, Processors, Buyers, and Interested Persons:

This mailer provides an update on the Oregon Dungeness Crab Advisory Committee (ODCAC) and reminds fishery participants about the new surface gear maximum regulation in effect for the upcoming 2023-24 crab season.

Oregon Dungeness Crab Advisory Committee Updates

ODFW maintains an Oregon Dungeness Crab Advisory Committee (ODCAC) as a standing advisory group to the agency on ocean commercial crab policy issues. Input from this group helps us address on-going and new management issues, as well as annual season-opening decisions. We strive for membership that represents the diversity of the ocean commercial industry, including buyers, harvesters, and industry groups with a range of business plans, vessel sizes, pot tiers, and home ports. In October 2019, we augmented ODCAC by adding members of the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, crab associations, and industry members from the Oregon Entanglement Advisory Committee. You can find the current ODCAC membership list here https://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/shellfish/commercial/crab/whale_entanglement.asp. Upon recent review of current membership, we are interested in additional members to represent Astoria and Port Orford and the 200 and 300 pot limit tiers. If you are interested in serving as an advisor for any of these categories, please fill out the application form included in this mailing.

All ODCAC meetings are open to the public. If interested in receiving email updates about ODCAC, including meeting notices, email Kelly.C.Corbett@odfw.oregon.gov.

Surface Gear Maximum Reminder – Effective Dec 1, 2023

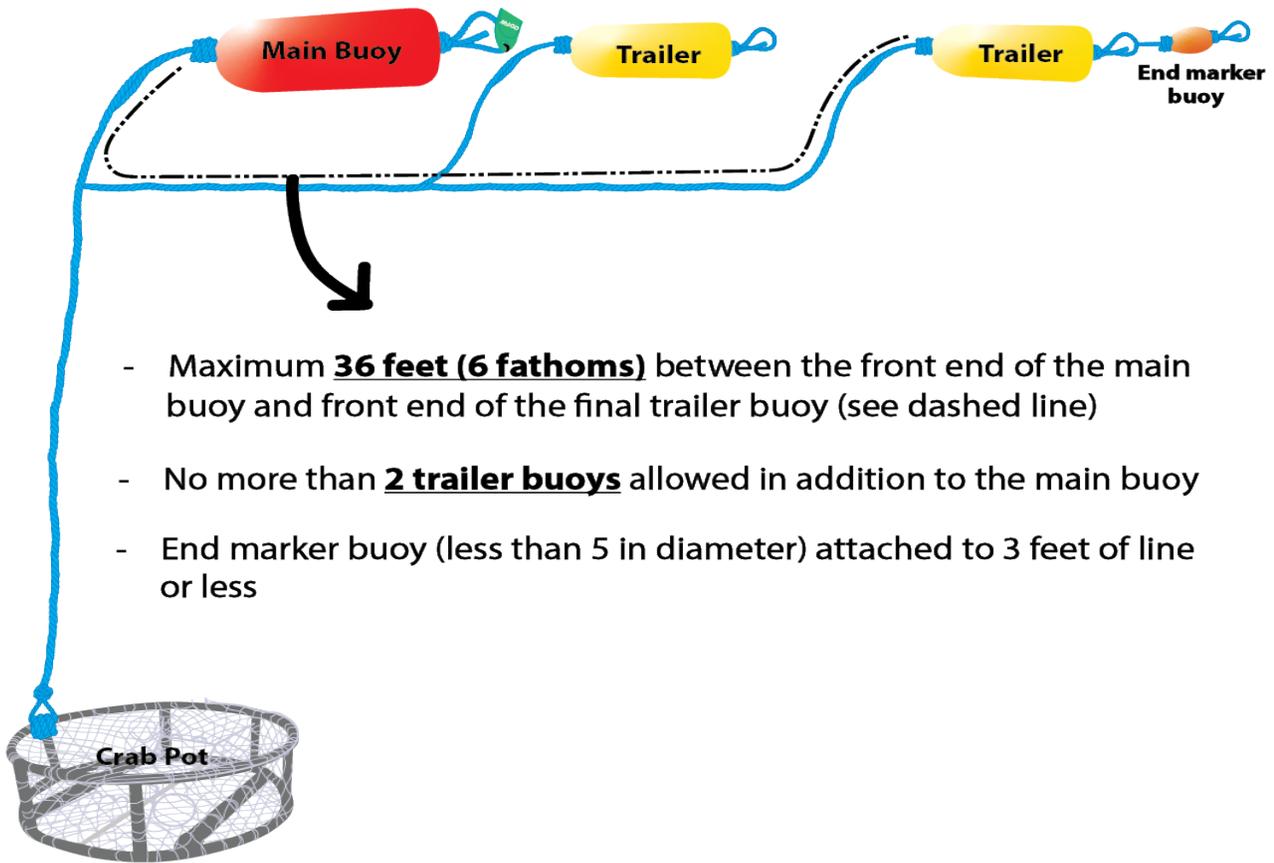
In August, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted a surface gear maximum (see page 2). This means a maximum of 36 feet (6 fathoms) of line may be used between the front end of the main buoy and the front end of the final trailer buoy. The regulation allows up to two trailer buoys in addition to the main buoy, for a total of three buoys. An additional end marker buoy that is less than five inches diameter (egg buoy) and attached with less than three feet of line is also allowed.

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

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Figure 1. Schematic of the Oregon commercial crab fishery maximum surface gear limit that was adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in August 2023.





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Oregon Dungeness Crab Advisory Committee Application

Instructions: Answer all the questions below as completely as possible. Attach more pages for additional space as needed. Email applications to Kelly.C.Corbett@odfw.oregon.gov or mail to address below.

Name _____

Vessel(s), Business(s), or Organization(s) (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address

Phone

Email

1) How many years and in what capacity (fisher or buyer) has the vessel/business/group you represent been involved with the Oregon Dungeness crab fishery?

2) What geographic area or port (including out-of-state areas) do you primarily operate out of?

3) If you fish for crab, what pot tier(s) are associated with the vessel(s) you own or operate?

4) Why do you want to be a member of the Oregon Dungeness Crab Advisory Committee (ODCAC)?

5) If you participate directly in the harvesting or dealing of crab, what month have you typically stopped fishing/buying crab in the past five years?

6) Please list any other fishery advisory committees that you have served on, and for what years:

7) Is there anything else you would like us to know about you or the business or group you represent in consideration of your application?
