



# Oregon

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Date: November 22, 2006  
To: Oregon Dungeness Crab Industry  
Subject: 2006-07 Dungeness Season Opening

The 2006-07 commercial ocean Dungeness crab fishery off Oregon opens on December 1, 2006. Preseason crab quality testing results indicate that crab are of sufficient quality to allow harvest. A 64-hour presoak begins at 8:00 am on November 28, 2006 in all waters from shore to 200 miles off Oregon.

### Hold Inspections

Hold inspections will be conducted on Thursday, November 30. Any vessel making crab landings in Oregon during the first 30 days of the fishery must be certified to have been free of Dungeness crab on November 30. Contact your local Oregon State Police office for schedules.

### Crab Pot Limits (OARs 635-005-0055, 635-006-1015 and 635-006-1065)

Oregon's crab pot limit rules take effect December 1, 2006. These rules apply to all commercial ocean Dungeness crab fishery vessels fishing in state waters (0-3 miles) or federal waters (3-200 miles) off Oregon. The pot limit assigned to a permit is the maximum number of crab pots that the permitted vessel is allowed to fish off Oregon. Buoy tags, buoy numbers, and other gear requirements also apply.

### Report Lost or Derelict Crab Gear

A toll-free reporting hotline has been set up by the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission. Call 1-800-707-CRAB (2722) to report lost or derelict crab gear. Report as much information as you can, including specific location, the amount of gear, buoy colors and numbers, and a way to contact you.

### ODFW Contacts:

For general questions call Mitch Vance or Cyreis Schmitt in the Marine Resources Program's (MRP) Newport office at 541-867-4741.

For questions specific to your area, contact your local MRP field office:

Astoria Marine Field Lab - 503-325-2462  
Charleston Field Office - 541-888-5515  
Brookings Field Office - 541-412-7364

Oregon State Police Contacts:

Astoria office - 503-325-5515  
Tillamook office - 503-842-2899  
Newport office - 541-265-5354  
Florence office - 541-997-9635  
Coos Bay office - 541-888-2677  
Gold Beach office - 541-247-6641