



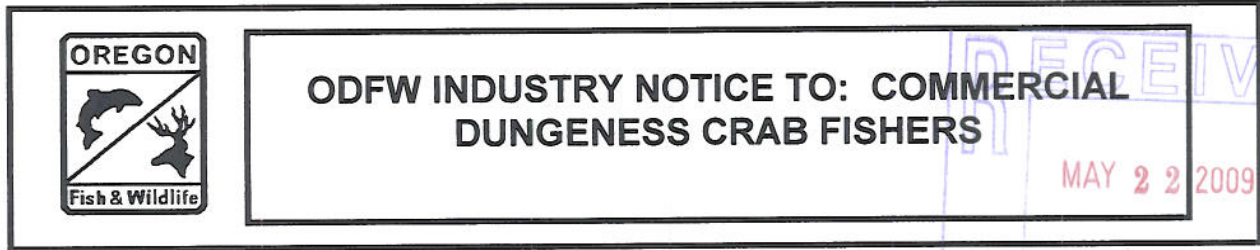
The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
and the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission
are hosting the third **OREGON DUNGENESS CRAB SUMMIT**.
Please join us July 28 – 29, 2009 in Newport, Oregon at the

Best Western – Agate Beach Inn
3019 N. Coast Hwy.
Newport, Oregon 97365
541-265-9411

This two day summit will include a review of the pot
limit program as well as discussions on several issues
facing the Dungeness fishery. Please come and
provide us your ideas and feedback.

We recommend making accommodation reservations
soon before the summer season limits availability. We
will be mailing out an agenda and related materials in
the future. If you have questions, please call Cyreis
Schmitt at 541-867-0300 ext. 265, or Mitch Vance at
ext. 233.

May 19, 2009



Retrieving Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Gear

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has adopted a temporary rule to allow Dungeness permitted vessels to retrieve up to **50** derelict commercial Dungeness crab pots per trip from the ocean during May 29 through August 28, 2009. Upon retrieval, the vessel operator must document the retrieval in his vessel's logbook. These pots must be un-baited, and crab from these pots may not be retained.

* The temporary rule only applies to retrieval of crab gear used in the Dungeness crab fishery. Gear used for the other commercial crab fisheries, such as for tanner crab, is legally fishing and may only be possessed, operated or retrieved by the permitted vessel. Tanner crab gear is identifiable by buoys marked with "TAN" followed by a number. These numbers are registered with ODFW and OSP.

* Fishermen who retrieve crab gear are encouraged to work cooperatively with the Ports on orderly and safe gear disposition. Fishermen are also encouraged to make efforts to contact the owner of the retrieved gear in a timely manner.

* Fishermen are asked to voluntarily report the following information to the Crab Commission's toll-free gear reporting hotline: **1-800-707-CRAB (2722)**

(This hotline reporting is voluntary and not mandatory under the temporary regulation)

- Date gear retrieved and general location found
- Total number pots found; port where pots are dropped
- Gear ownership (if available); and phone number or other contact information for you

* Fishermen are also asked to voluntarily recycle your old crab buoy tags when you are done fishing for the season. Specially marked buoy tag recycling bins are available in major ports. If you need location information, please ask an ODFW contact listed below.

Reminder: Crab Industry Summit, July 28-29 in Newport

Please plan to attend the Crab Industry Summit at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn. An agenda and more detailed information about the Summit will be mailed to you in late June.

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Please contact the ODFW Marine Resources Program or Oregon State Police if you have questions. ODFW Contacts are: Mitch Vance or Cyreis Schmitt at (541) 867-4741.