## **ATTENTION CRABBERS**

The summer season for Oregon Dungeness crab starts on Monday, June 14, 2021. Beginning on Monday, a weekly landing limit of 1200 lbs. will be in effect through the season closure on August 14. According to ODFW, the following regulations/definitions apply:

- A "week" is the period from Monday through Sunday.
- A weekly limit can comprise of cumulative landings or a single delivery but cannot exceed 1200 lbs.
- It is "unlawful…to *take* (catch), *land* (deliver) or *possess* (hold) more than 1200 lbs. …per week." Excess crabs can't be caught and held for future week's limits.
- Commercial fishers must retain copies of fish landing receipts for a minimum of 90 days on board vessels landing Dungeness crab under the cumulative catch limit described in section (1) of this rule. The receipts must be available for inspection by authorized enforcement officials and by employees of the Department.

Sorting at the dock is not allowed and excess crabs cannot be released in the bay. Overages may result in citations. Fish buyers are responsible for taking possession of excess crabs and reimbursing ODFW for the fair market value of the product in question.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: All gear currently out must have late-season tags attached and be fished inside of 40 fathoms; it is unlawful to retain crab from gear retrieved from outside 40 fathoms. See industry notice on <u>ODFW's web page here</u> for more information.

Please feel free to contact the Crab Commission office if you have any questions. (541) 267-5810