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In consultation with the crab industry, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and California and Washington fishery managers, based on meat recovery and domoic acid results from preseason testing, ODFW is opening the Oregon ocean commercial Dungeness crab season as follows:

Cape Falcon (45° 46' 00" N. Lat.) southward to Oregon/California border (42° 00' 00" N. Lat.)

73 hr presoak begins (setting gear): December 13, 8:00 a.m.

Hold Inspections: December 15, see schedule on back

Start date (pulling gear): December 16, 9:00 a.m.

The commercial Dungeness crab fishery will remain closed in the Pacific Ocean and Columbia River from Cape Falcon northward to the Oregon/Washington border. The continued delay in this area will allow completion of additional testing for meat recovery in the Long Beach, WA area that did not meet recovery criteria.

Fair start provision reminders:

Fair start provisions will be in place for any delayed areas in the Tri-State area (from Klipsan Beach, WA south to Point Arena, CA). A vessel used for fishing crab in any open zone within these areas may not be used for fishing crab in any other zone within the Tri-State area that opens at a later date until 30 days after the later opening date.

Vessel Hold Inspections reminders:

Vessels must obtain a hold inspection prior to participating in the fishery for the first 30 days after opening. The vessel operator or owner must declare on the pre-season hold inspection certificate the zone in which the vessel will start fishing. Each inspection certificate must be signed by the vessel operator or owner, not by a crewman.

Closed area transit reminders:

Vessels with an activated Vessel Monitoring System or Electronic Monitoring system and registered with ODFW may possess and land Dungeness crab in an area that is otherwise closed to take of Dungeness crab for commercial purposes under certain conditions. Review the full requirements and register for closed area transit [here](#).

We would like to thank everyone involved with preseason meat recovery and domoic acid testing efforts this year to help us ensure that Oregon Dungeness crab are of excellent quality and ready for harvest.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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2025-26 Commercial Dungeness Crab
Cape Falcon (45° 46' 00" N. Lat.) to OR/CA border
Season Opening Schedule

73 hr presoak begins (setting gear): December 13, 8:00AM

Hold Inspections: December 15, see schedule below

Start date (pulling gear): December 16, 9:00AM

Hold Inspection Schedule

After hours or for other locations: (800) 452-7888 or *OSP from a cellphone

After-hours appointments may be limited and could be delayed based on availability.

LOCATION	TIME
Columbia River Deep Sea Basin Hammond Boat Basin Warrenton Boat Basin Astoria West End/Pier 2	12-1 PM
Garibaldi Boat Basin	12-2 PM
Pacific City	By appointment
Depoe Bay	By appointment
Newport South Beach Marina Seafood Proc. Docks- Bay Blvd. Port Dock 3, 5 & 7	12-4 PM
Florence	By appointment
Winchester Bay Boat Basin	12-1 PM
Charleston Small Boat Basin Charleston Boat Basin Hallmark Fisheries	12-4 PM
Bandon	By appointment
Port Orford	12-2:30 PM
Brookings Boat Basin Port Docks	12-4 PM