



Industry Notice

Commercial Bay Crab

September 14, 2026

To Oregon commercial bay crab harvesters and dealers:

This notice is a courtesy reminder about a few commercial bay crab fishery regulations that there has been some recent confusion about. For a complete list of regulations for the fishery, see: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=2898>.

- **The commercial bay crab fishery is closed on weekends and state and federal holidays (OAR 635-005-0505).** The table below contains state and federal holidays in 2026 when the fishery will be closed.

Date	Holiday	Type
Monday, October 12, 2026	Columbus Day	Federal Holiday
Wednesday, November 11, 2026	Veterans Day	Federal and State Holiday
Thursday, November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving	Federal and State Holiday
Friday, November 27, 2026	Day after Thanksgiving	State Holiday
Friday, December 25, 2026	Christmas Day	Federal and State Holiday

- **Port code and crab harvest area(s) on commercial bay crab fish tickets must be listed correctly.** This allows crab to be traced as they move through the market and is especially important if there is a closure or evisceration order for specific areas/bays due to elevated biotoxins in crab.

The port code on the fish ticket should represent the bay/estuary where the crab was harvested, even if crab were transported and sold to a dealer in a different port. The crab harvest area for a bay can be found by using the Dungeness crab harvest area map (posted here: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/shellfish/commercial/crab/commercial_crab_harvest_areas.asp) and selecting the harvest area(s) for the ocean that are adjacent to the bay/estuary. If a bay is split between two harvest areas (e.g., Alsea Bay), both harvest areas must be listed on the fish ticket (e.g., 50E and 50F). For your convenience, the table on the following page lists harvest areas for the most common bays and estuaries for the commercial bay crab fishery.

Port Code	Port Name (Bay/Estuary)	Crab Harvest Area
08	Nehalem Bay	50B
10	Garibaldi (Tillamook Bay)	50B
12	Netarts	50B
16	Pacific City (Nestucca Bay)	50C
24	Newport (Yaquina Bay)	50E
26	Waldport (Alsea Bay)	50E & 50F
32	Winchester Bay	50H
34	Charleston (Coos Bay)	50I
36	Bandon (Coquille)	50I

- **Line marking prohibitions:** While the commercial bay crab fishery does not require any specific line markings, it is *prohibited from using line markings that are required in any West Coast fishery*. A complete list of *prohibited line markings* for the bay crab fishery can be found here: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/entanglement/linemarking.asp>, and includes the dual-colored yellow and black line that will be required for the ocean Dungeness crab fishery beginning on December 1, 2026.
- **Logbooks are required for the commercial bay crab fishery (OAR 635-005-0502).** Bay crab logbooks can be obtained from the Newport, Astoria, or Charleston ODFW offices. Commercial bay crabbers must follow the instructions inside the front cover of the bay crab logbook. Logbook pages must be turned in within 10 calendar days following the end of the month that harvest occurred.

If you have questions about holiday closures, appropriate harvest area(s) for a specific bay, prohibited line markings, or bay crab logbooks, please contact Eric Anderson (contact information below). If you have issues or questions about submitting fish tickets, please refer to the Fish Ticket Procedure Manual (posted here: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/commercial/how-to.asp>), or contact Nadine Hurtado (971-701-0860; nadine.hurtado@odfw.oregon.gov).

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