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ATTENTION CRABBERS

The summer season for Dungeness crab starts on Monday, June 12, 2023. 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 can not 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.

Note: *Fifty (50) derelict pots or rings in aggregate may be retrieved per trip during the second Monday in June through August 14th. Beginning August 15th through October 31st an unlimited amount of derelict gear may be retrieved per trip. The 2023 post-season derelict gear recovery program will start on August 31st and any non-exempted gear left in the water will be subject to collection by permitted derelict gear recovery vessels.*

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