

Dungeness Crab Season 21-22 Enforcement Reminders and Updates

- **Marine Reserves** – A reminder that the marine reserve sites at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, Otter Rock, Cape Perpetua, and Redfish Rocks are closed to crabbing and fishing. There have been increasing instances where gear enters the reserves due to current or weather. Fisherman should be aware it is their responsibility to ensure they set gear according to current and weather patterns as to minimize the amount of gear that enters the reserve. Any gear found inside of the reserves are considered illegal no matter how it enters these closed areas. **Fisherman should also note the recent rule clarification to include surface gear as being prohibited from inside the marine reserve boundaries along with bottom contact gear.**
- **Logbooks** – Crab logbooks have been required in Oregon since the 2007-2008 season and are required to be completed prior to landing. The logbooks need to be available for inspection and submitted to ODFW within 10 days after the end of the month.
- **Buoy tags** – All gear is required to have the proper buoy tags affixed to the surface buoy. Ensure that each time gear is ran the buoys are inspected for tags. It is unlawful to fish with any gear that doesn't display the proper buoy tag.
- **Partial and split offloads** – There is no allowance for partially offloading crab and heading back out to sea with crab still onboard to resume crabbing. Vessel operators are allowed to make split deliveries to multiple buyers, however operators must completely unload all crab from their vessel prior to returning to sea to harvest more crab.

If you would like to report a violation, please call the TIP Line at (800) 452-7888 or *OSP (*677) on a mobile phone or email TIP@state.or.us.

