



## Industry Notice

# Oregon Commercial Ocean Dungeness Crab Fishery Closed Area Transit Allowance

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### **NEW closed area transit allowance by temporary rule (OAR 635-005-0465)**

Vessels may possess and land Dungeness crab in an area that is otherwise closed to take of Dungeness crab for commercial purposes under all the following conditions:

1. **Vessel must possess and use an activated Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)** that is type-approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service Office of Law Enforcement;
2. The vessel's **VMS must transmit vessel location, speed and bearing at least every 60 minutes** while transiting a closed area;
3. The **vessel must maintain continuous transit through the closed area** until reaching the port of landing designated in their declaration to ODFW (see number 5 below);
4. **The vessel must register with ODFW at least 72 hours prior to entering a closed area.** Vessels shall register by emailing [kelly.c.corbett@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:kelly.c.corbett@odfw.oregon.gov) a request for registration including all the information listed below (i-vi). An emailed response will be sent acknowledging receipt of registration information and notice of any missing registration information that is required.
  - i. vessel name;
  - ii. vessel captain name and phone number;
  - iii. port where crab will be landed;
  - iv. wholesale fish dealer that crab will be delivered to;
  - v. number of trips anticipated where vessel will enter a closed area;
  - vi. requested start and end date of closed area transit registration.
5. **The vessel must make a per-trip declaration prior to each time the vessel enters a closed area.** The declaration shall be made by calling 541-857-2522 and leaving a message with the information listed below. These voicemails will be maintained by ODFW as the record for each declaration.
  - i. vessel name;
  - ii. estimated date and time the vessel will enter closed area;
  - iii. estimated date and time the vessel will leave the closed area;
  - iv. estimated amount of crab on board the vessel;
  - v. any changes from registration information provided to ODFW in the initial closed area transit registration emailed request.

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