

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Application for Commercial Shellfish Pot
(Crawfish) License for the Year _____

Department Use	
License Number	Payment Receipt
License Type SF-POTS	
Resident \$250	Non-Res \$635
DFW Vessel Registration	
BUOY BRAND	

Gear	Species	License District
POTS	CRAWFISH / CRAYFISH	<input type="checkbox"/> Coast <input type="checkbox"/> Grays Harbor <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Puget Sound <input type="checkbox"/> Willapa Harbor
Designated Vessel information (Please include a copy of your Documentation or Registration with this application)		
Vessel Name		State or Documentation Number
		Hull Identification Number
Overall Length	Beam	Horsepower
		<input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel
		Net tonnage
		Gross tonnage
		<input type="checkbox"/> Fathometer <input type="checkbox"/> Loran <input type="checkbox"/> Radar
		10 inch number

License Owner		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Street Address		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone Number		
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that this Shellfish Pot license allows me to harvest Crayfish only. Also, I'm aware that I must have a permit if harvesting crayfish in areas that a permit is required. <input type="checkbox"/> I have been a resident of Washington for the previous 90 days and am not licensed as a resident in any other state. <input type="checkbox"/> I am not a resident of Washington State.		
I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the law of the state of Washington that the above information is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license.		
Signature		Date
Print Name		

Primary Operator					
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial			
Birthdate	Sex	Hair	Eyes	Weight	Height
Social Security Number					

Alternate Operator (optional)		
Last Name	First Name	Birthdate
Last Name	First Name	Birthdate

Make fees payable to Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW)

Mailing address

Department of Fish & Wildlife
Commercial Licensing
PO Box 43154
Olympia WA 98504-3154

If using Fed ex or UPS please use

Physical Address

1111 Washington St SE Olympia WA 98501
Phone 360-902-2464 opt 4 TDD 360-902-2207
FAX 360-902-2945

WAC 220-340-060

Commercial shellfish pot gear—Escape mechanism required.

It is unlawful to fish for or possess crab, shrimp, or **crawfish** taken for commercial purposes with shellfish pot gear unless the gear allows for escapement using at least one of the following methods:

(1) Attachment of pot lid hooks or tiedown straps with a single strand or loop of untreated cotton twine or other natural fiber no larger than thread size 120 so that the pot lid will open freely if the twine or fiber is broken. It is permissible to use a single strand of cotton twine or other natural fiber tied together at the ends so that it can be looped between the tie down straps and the lid hook to connect them together.

(2) Providing an opening in the pot mesh no less than three inches by five inches and laced or sewn closed with one single strand of untreated cotton twine or other natural fiber no larger than thread size 120. The single strand of cotton may not be wrapped multiple times or doubled in any way when lacing or sewing the wire mesh closed. The opening must be located within the top half of the pot and be unimpeded by the entry tunnels, bait boxes, or any other structures or materials.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [77.04.012](#), [77.04.013](#), [77.04.020](#), [77.04.055](#), and [77.12.047](#). WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-340-060, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW [77.04.012](#) and [77.12.047](#), WSR 11-09-072 (Order 11-72), § 220-52-035, filed 4/19/11, effective 5/20/11. Statutory Authority: RCW [77.12.047](#). WSR 06-07-044 (Order 06-38), § 220-52-035, filed 3/9/06, effective 4/9/06; WSR 03-16-097 (Order 03-180), § 220-52-035, filed 8/6/03, effective 9/6/03. Statutory Authority: RCW [75.08.080](#). WSR 87-23-006 (Order 87-187), § 220-52-035, filed 11/6/87.]

WAC 220-353-020

General gear rules—Commercial fishery.

(1) Commercial **shellfish pot**, bottom fish pot, set line and set net gear must be marked with a buoy that bears the department approved and registered buoy brand issued to the license in a visible and legible manner. It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any commercial food fish or shellfish gear to leave the gear unattended in state or offshore waters unless the gear is marked. Violation of this subsection is punishable under RCW [77.15.520](#) or [77.15.522](#), depending on the circumstances of the violation.

(2) Violations of the following are punishable under 77.15.520, Commercial fishing—Unlawful gear or methods—Penalty:

(a) Buoys affixed to unattended commercial food fish or shellfish gear must be visible on the surface of the water except during strong tidal flow or extreme weather conditions.

You can select up to **TWO** undesignated crewmember licenses:

Resident Crewmember License [Qty____ x \$35 = \$_____]

Non-Resident Crewmember License [Qty____ x \$110 = \$_____]

Non-Resident Albacore Tuna Crew License [Qty____ x \$35 = \$_____]

TOTAL \$_____



CRAWFISH HARVEST PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant's Name (please print) Phone Number

Address City State Zip

Shellfish License # WDFW Vessel Registration #

Information on lake or stream to be fished:

Name of Lake or Stream	County	Nearest Town	Area (all, N, S, E, W, etc.)	# of pots

Additional information:

Mail completed application to: DFW Licensing - PO Box 43154 – Olympia WA 98504-3154

Applicant's signature

Date

Commercial crawfish fishery.

(1) Licensing: A shellfish pot fishery license is required to operate the gear provided for in this section. An application for a shellfish pot fishery license is available at the offices of the department, by calling the WDFW license division at 360-902-2500, or on the department web site at www.wdfw.wa.gov.

(2) Commercial crawfish season: The first Monday in May through October 31, except: In Washington waters of the Columbia River downstream from the mouth of the Walla Walla River, it is permissible to take crawfish from April 1 through October 31.

(3) Commercial crawfish size and sex restrictions:

(a) Crawfish must be 3-1/4 inches or more in length from the tip of the rostrum (nose) to the tip of the tail .

(b) All undersize crawfish and female crawfish with eggs or young attached to the abdomen must be immediately returned unharmed to the waters from which taken. Fishers must sort and return illegal crawfish to the waters from which taken immediately after the crawfish are removed from the shellfish pot and prior to lifting additional pots from the water.

(4) Commercial crawfish gear, fishing areas, and pot number restrictions:

(a) It is unlawful to take crawfish for commercial purposes with gear other than shellfish pots.

(b) The department determines the maximum number of pots permitted in any given body of water. Once the permitted maximum number of pots for any given body of water is reached, no further permits may be issued for that area. Permits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis consistent with all other regulations concerning issuance of commercial crawfish harvest permits.

(c) It is unlawful for a person to fish more than 400 pots at one time in the commercial crawfish fishery.

(d) It is unlawful to fish for crawfish for commercial purposes in the following waters:

Clallam	Alta Lake	Whistle Lake
Anderson Lake	Buffalo Lake	Skamania
Crescent Lake	Campbell Lake	Goose Lake
Clark	Conconully Lake	Mosquito Lake
Battleground Lake	Conconully Res.	South Prairie Lake
Cowlitz	Crawfish Lake	Stump (Tunnel) Lake
Merrill Lake	Omak Lake	Snohomish
Grant	Osoyoos Lake	Ballinger Lake
Deep Lake	Pearrygin Lake	Chaplain Lake
Potholes Res.	Pacific	Flowing Lake
Coulee Lake	Middle Nemah River	Goodwin Lake
Soap Lakes	North Nemah River	Ki Lake
Sun Lakes	Smith Creek	Martha Lake
Grays Harbor	Pend Oreille	Pass Lake
Sylvia Lake	Browns Lake (on Brown Cr)	Roesiger Lake
Island	Calispell Lake	Serene Lake
Cranberry Lake	Cooks Lake	Shoecraft Lake
Jefferson	Conklin Lake	Silver Lake
Anderson Lake	Davis Lake	Stevens Lake
King	Half Moon Lake	Stickney Lake
Cedar Lake	Mystic Lake	Storm Lake
Elbow Lake	No Name Lake	Thurston
Green Lake	Shearer Lake	Deep Lake
Green River	Vanee Lake	Hicks Lake
Margaret Lake	Pierce	Long Lake
Sammamish Lake	Clear Lake	Patterson Lake
Sammamish River	Spanaway Lake	Summit Lake
Sammamish Slough	Steilacoom Lake	Ward Lake
Walsh Lake	Wapato Lake	Whatcom
Kittitas	Skagit	Budd Lake
Easton Lake	Beaver Lake	Bug Lake
Klickitat	Caskey Lake	Caine Lake
Horsethief Lake	Cranberry Lake	Fishtrap Creek
Roland Lake	Everett Lake	Johnson Creek
Lewis	Minkler Lake	Padden Lake
Mineral Lake	Pass Lake	Toad or Emerald Lake
Okanogan	Sixteen Lake	

(e) It is unlawful to fish for crawfish within 1/4 mile of the shoreline of developed parks.

(f) It is permissible for an individual fisherman to fish for crawfish for commercial use in the waters set out below with up to the number of pots shown.

Name of Lake, River, or Slough	County	Max. Pots Allowed
Alder Lake (Res.)	Pierce/Thurston	200
Aldwell Lake (Res.)	Clallam	100
Alkali Lake	Grant	100
Bachelor Slough	Clark	100
Baker Lake	Whatcom	200
Banks Lake	Grant	200
Big Lake	Skagit	200
Black Lake	Thurston	200
Blue Lake	Grant	200
Bonaparte Lake	Okanogan	100
Buckmire Slough	Clark	100
Camas Slough	Clark	100
Campbell Lake	Skagit	100
Cassidy Lake	Snohomish	100
Cavanaugh Lake	Skagit	200
Chehalis River	Lewis/Grays Harbor	100
Chelan Lake	Chelan	200
Clear Lake	Skagit	100
Coal Creek Slough	Cowlitz	100
Columbia River	Clark, Cowlitz, etc.	200
Copalis River	Grays Harbor, etc.	100
Cowlitz River	Clark, Cowlitz, etc.	100
Curlew Lake	Ferry	200
Cushman Lake #1	Clark	100
Deep River	Wahkiakum	100
Deschutes River	Thurston	100

Diablo Lake	Whatcom	200
Drano Lake	Skamania	100
Elochoman River	Wahkiakum	100
Erie Lake	Skagit	100
Evergreen Reservoir	Grant	100
Fisher Island Slough	Cowlitz	100
Goose Lake (upper)	Grant	100
Grays River	Pacific	100
Harts Lake	Pierce	100
Hoquiam River	Grays Harbor	100
Humtulpis River	Grays Harbor	100
John's River	Grays Harbor	100
Kapowsin Lake	Pierce	200
Kalama River	Cowlitz, etc.	100
Klickitat	Klickitat	100
Lackamas Lake (Res.)	Clark	100
Lake River	Clark	100
Lawrence Lake	Thurston	100
Lenore Lake	Grant	200
Lewis River	Clark/Cowlitz	100
Loomis Lake	Pacific	100
Mayfield Lake	Lewis	200
McIntosh Lake	Thurston	100
McMurray Lake	Skagit	100
Merwin Lake	Clark/Cowlitz	200
Moses Lake	Grant	200
Naselle River	Pacific, etc.	100
Nisqually River	Pierce, etc.	100
Nooksack River	Whatcom	100
North River	Grays Harbor	100

Palmer Lake	Okanogan	100
Patterson Lake (Res.)	Okanogan	100
Portage Bay	King	100
Rattlesnake Lake	King	100
Ross Lake (Res.)	Whatcom	200
Salmon Lake	Okanogan	100
Satsop River	Grays Harbor	100
Shannon Lake (Res.)	Skagit	200
Sidley Lake	Okanogan	100
Silver Lake	Pierce	100
Silver Lake	Cowlitz	200
Skagit River	Skagit/Whatcom	200
Skamokawa River	Wahkiakum	100
Snake River	Franklin/Walla Walla	200
Snohomish River	Snohomish	100
St. Clair Lake	Thurston	100
Swift Lake (Res.)	Skamania	200
Terrell Lake	Whatcom	100
Toutle River	Cowlitz	100
Union Lake	King	200
Vancouver Lake	Clark	200
Warden Lake	Grant	100
Washington Lake	King	200
Washougal River	Clark/Skamania	100
Whitestone Lake	Okanogan	100
Willapa River	Pacific	100
Wiser Lake	Whatcom	100
Wind River	Cowlitz	100
Wishkah River	Grays Harbor	100
Woodland Slough	Clark	100

Wynoochee River	Grays Harbor	100
Yakima River	Kittitas	100
Yale Lake (Res.)	Clark/Cowlitz	200

(g) Commercial crawfish harvest permits will be issued to limit the number of crawfish pots permissible per fisherman per body of water in suitable crawfish harvest sites not listed in subsections (4)(d) and (e) of this section as follows:

(i) Under 20 acres - No commercial harvest.

(ii) 20 acres to 100 acres - 50 pots.

(iii) 101 acres to 400 acres - 100 pots.

(iv) Over 400 acres - 200 pots.

(h) Permits may be issued only in waters where fishing will not conflict with high density residential or recreational areas.

No permit will be issued where developed parks encompass more than 1/2 of the water shoreline.

(5) It is unlawful to discard any crawfish bait into the waters of the state.

(6) This section does not apply to the commercial culture of crawfish at a registered aquatic farm.

(7) It is unlawful to fish for or possess crawfish taken for commercial purposes in violation of this section. Violation of this section is punishable under RCW [77.15.500](#), [77.15.520](#), [77.15.522](#), or [77.15.540](#), depending on the circumstances of the violation.