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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

Washington coastal Dungeness crab license owners and vessel operators were recently notified about changes to the coastal Dungeness crab fishery. The intent of these changes is to reduce the risk of whales becoming entangled in commercial crab gear by reducing the number of lines in the water during the peak time when humpback whales are present off the Washington coast. This notice includes important information about new requirements that will be in place May 1, 2020 and annually after that.

Effective May 1 through September 15

- Licenses with a permanent pot limit of 500 will be assigned a reduced pot limit of 330 pots.
- Licenses with a permanent pot limit of 300 will be assigned a reduced pot limit of 200 pots.

If you plan to fish on or after May 1, you must order your summer buoy tags by March 15, 2020.

This deadline is structured so that tags will arrive prior to May 1 and provide you with enough time to get them on your gear prior to May 1. If you order your summer buoy tags after the March 15 deadline, you are not guaranteed to receive them by May 1. Regardless of when you acquire your summer tags, they must be attached to any gear deployed on or after May 1.

To order summer buoy tags, fill out the attached payment/order form and mail, fax or email it along with your payment to the contact information provided on the form.



2020 SUMMER COASTAL CRAB BUOY TAG PAYMENT/ORDER FORM

License Owner _____

License # _____

Please ship my buoy tags to:
the address must be a physical address (**not a PO Box**)

Name: _____

Address: _____

300 pot limit – 200 tags at \$1.25 each\$250.00

500 pot limit – 330 tags at \$1.25 each\$412.50

Make checks payable to WDFW
Mail to: WDFW Commercial Licensing
PO Box 43154
Olympia WA 98504 **or**
Fax to: 360-902-2945 **or**
Email: commercialsales@dfw.wa.gov

Visa

MasterCard _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ expire _____ - _____

Name on card _____ Phone _____

Please allow 48 hours for picking up at headquarters
Commercial License Sales 360-902-2464