

Coastal Commercial Dungeness Crab Regulation Change

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Background - Coastal Dungeness Crab Conservation Plan

WDFW is in the process of developing a conservation plan for the coastal Dungeness crab fishery. The overarching objective of the conservation plan is to reduce marine life entanglements pursuant to federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) requirements.



Mandatory Electronic Fish Ticket Reporting

Coastal Fisheries: Dungeness crab, ocean pink shrimp, and spot shrimp

Puget Sound Fisheries: Dungeness crab, pink shrimp, spot shrimp, coonstripe shrimp, and sidestripe shrimp



WA-Tix

A mobile platform will allow small dealers to complete an electronic fish ticket using a cell phone or tablet.

The mobile application is currently being field tested to ensure it will support the mandatory requirement by the implementation date.



Other Coastal Crab Rule Changes

Eliminate Replacement Buoy Tags

Reduce the time when crab gear can be left unattended

Allow experimental gear testing



Coastal Crab Rule Clarification

73-hour gear pre-set

Season delay due to biotoxins

Gear recovery program expansion



Public Comments

- Input from the Enforcement Program
- General support for Electronic Reporting in Puget Sound with valuable questions/concerns
- Concern for keeping up with technology for coastal crab landings



Questions?

