

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	Non-Res
\$250	\$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						
Email Address						
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
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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 FOUR undesignated crewmember licenses:
Resident Crewmember License [Qty_____ x \$35 = \$_____]
Non-Resident Crewmember License [Qty_____ x \$110 = \$_____]
You can select up to TWO Albacore Tuna crewmember licenses:
Albacore Tuna Crew License [Qty_____ x \$35 = \$_____]



CRAWFISH HARVEST PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant's Name (please print) Phone Number

Address City State Zip

Email address

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

WAC 220-340-700

Commercial crawfish fishery.

It is unlawful to fish for or possess crawfish taken for commercial purposes except as provided for in this section:

(1) General crawfish provisions:

(a) Crawfish may not be taken for commercial purposes with gear other than shellfish pots and no person may fish more than 400 pots.

(b) The open season for commercial crawfish fishing is first Monday in May through October 31, except in Washington waters of the Columbia River downstream from the mouth of the Walla Walla River crawfish may be taken from April 1 through October 31.

(c) The minimum commercial crawfish size is 3-1/4 inches in length from the tip of the rostrum (nose) to the tip of the tail and 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. Fishermen 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.

(d) Fishermen may not discard into any water of the state any crawfish bait.

(e) Crawfish fishing is not allowed within 1/4 mile of the shoreline of developed parks.

(f) The provisions of this section do not apply to the commercial culture of crawfish at a registered aquatic farm.

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

Clallam

Anderson Lake
Crescent Lake

Clark

Battleground Lake

Cowlitz

Merrill Lake

Grant

Deep Lake
Potholes Res.
Coulee Lake
Soap Lakes
Sun Lakes

Grays Harbor

Sylvia Lake

Island

Cranberry Lake

Jefferson

Anderson Lake

King

Cedar Lake
Elbow Lake
Green Lake
Green River
Margaret Lake
Sammamish Lake

Sammamish River

Sammamish Slough
Walsh Lake

Kittitas

Easton Lake

Klickitat

Horsethief Lake
Roland Lake

Lewis

Mineral Lake

Okanogan

Alta Lake
Buffalo Lake
Campbell Lake
Conconully Lake
Conconully Res.
Crawfish Lake
Omak Lake
Osoyoos Lake
Pearrygin Lake

Pacific

Middle Nemah River
North Nemah River
Smith Creek

Pend Oreille

Browns Lake (on Brown
Cr)

Calispell Lake

Cooks Lake
Conklin Lake
Davis Lake
Half Moon Lake
Mystic Lake
No Name Lake
Shearer Lake
Vanee Lake

Pierce

Clear Lake
Spanaway Lake
Steilacoom Lake
Wapato Lake

Skagit

Beaver Lake
Caskey Lake
Cranberry Lake
Everett Lake
Minkler Lake
Pass Lake
Sixteen Lake
Whistle Lake

Skamania

Goose Lake
Mosquito Lake
South Prairie Lake
Stump (Tunnel) Lake

Snohomish

Ballinger Lake
Chaplain Lake
Flowing Lake
Goodwin Lake
Ki Lake
Martha Lake
Pass Lake
Roesiger Lake
Serene Lake
Shoecraft Lake
Silver Lake
Stevens Lake
Stickney Lake
Storm Lake

Thurston

Deep Lake
Hicks Lake
Long Lake
Patterson Lake
Summit Lake
Ward Lake

Whatcom

Budd Lake
Bug Lake
Caine Lake
Fishtrap Creek
Johnson Creek
Padden Lake
Toad or Emerald Lake

(3) It is lawful for an individual fisherman to fish for crawfish 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

(4) Commercial crawfish harvest permits will be issued to prescribe the number of allowable crawfish pots per fisherman per body of water in suitable crawfish harvest sites not listed in subsections (2) and (3) of this section as follows:

(a) Under 20 acres - no commercial harvest.

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

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

(d) Over 400 acres - 200 pots.

(e) Permits will be issued only in waters where fishing will not conflict with high density residential or recreational areas, and no permit will be issued where developed parks encompass more than one-half of the water shoreline.

(f) The department of fisheries shall fix the maximum number of pots to be permitted in any given body of water. Once the permitted maximum number of pots for any given body of water has been reached, no further permits will be issued. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis consistent with all other regulations concerning issuance of commercial crawfish harvest permits.

(5) Licensing: A shellfish pot fishery license is the license required to operate the gear provided for in this section.