

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-340-45500I Commercial crab fishery--Seasons and areas--Puget Sound.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-455, effective October 1, 2024, until further notice:

Harvest of Dungeness crab in Puget Sound is permitted during the “Open period” indicated in the following table. On the opening date harvest will be permitted starting at 8:00 a.m. Harvest for these areas after the opening date is permitted starting one hour before official sunrise until further notice. Any closures will take effect one hour after official sunset unless otherwise indicated.

Geographical Management Unit (WAC 220-320-110)	Open Period
Region 1, MFSF Catch Areas 21A, 21B, and 22B	October 1, until further notice.
Region 1, Marine Fish-Shellfish Catch Areas 22A, 20A, and 20B	October 1, until further notice.
Region 2E, excluding Everett Flats CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (3))	October 1, until further notice.
Region 2E, Everett Flats CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (3))	October 1, until further notice.
Region 2W, not including Port Townsend Bay CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (5))	October 1, until further notice.
Region 2W, Port Townsend Bay CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (5))	October 1, until further notice.
Subregion 3-1	October 1, until further notice.
Subregion 3-2, not including Discovery Bay CSMA (WAC 220-230-120 (1)(a)), Sequim Bay CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (6)), or the Port Angeles Harbor CSMA (WAC 220-320-120(4)).	October 1, until further notice.
Subregion 3-2, Discovery Bay CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (1)(a))	October 1, until further notice.
Subregion 3-2, Sequim Bay CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (6))	October 1, until further notice.
Subregion 3-2, the Port Angeles Harbor CSMA (WAC 220-320-120(4)).	Closed, due to on-going public health concerns.
Subregion 3-3	October 1, until further notice.
Subregion 3-4	October 1, until further notice.

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-340-47000F Commercial crab fishery – Gear limits – Puget Sound and Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Areas

Notwithstanding the provisions of 220-340-470, effective October 1, 2024, until further notice:

Effective during the “Open period” listed in amended section of WAC 220-340-455 above it will be unlawful for any person to harvest crabs with more than the “Pot limit” per license per buoy tag number indicated within each “geographical management unit”.

Geographical Management Unit (WAC 220-320-110)	Pot limit
Region 1, MFSF Catch Areas 21A, 21B, and 22B	40
Region 1, Marine Fish-Shellfish Catch Areas 22A, 20A, and 20B	40
Region 2E, excluding Everett Flats CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (3))	25
Region 2E, Everett Flats CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (3))	25
Region 2W, not including Port Townsend Bay CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (5))	25
Region 2W, Port Townsend Bay CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (5))	20
Subregion 3-1	50
Subregion 3-2, not including Discovery Bay CSMA (WAC 220-230-120 (1)(a)), Sequim Bay CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (6)), or the Port Angeles Harbor CSMA (WAC 220-320-120(4)).	35
Subregion 3-2, Discovery Bay CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (1)(a))	20
Subregion 3-2, Sequim Bay CSMA (WAC 220-320-120 (6))	20
Subregion 3-2, the Port Angeles Harbor CSMA (WAC 220-320-120(4)).	0
Subregion 3-3	50
Subregion 3-4	50

NEW SECTION

WAC 220-340-43000C Commercial crab fishery—Gear requirements.

Notwithstanding the provisions of WAC 220-340-430,

It is unlawful for a Puget Sound Dungeness crab fishery license holder, or designated operator, to use gear that has one or more line marks or to use multicolor line consistent with requirements for the Washington coastal Dungeness crab fishery or any other state or federally managed commercial fishery operating in the U.S. West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone, or in the state waters of Washington, Oregon, or California.