



# 2021 SYNOPSIS

## OREGON COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS



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Or write: Office for Human Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

### **Marine Debris**

Report Marine Debris in Oregon to: [beach.debris@state.or.us](mailto:beach.debris@state.or.us)  
or call 211 or 1-800-SAFENET

Report Marine Debris to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to: [DisasterDebris@noaa.gov](mailto:DisasterDebris@noaa.gov)

### **Entangled Whales**

Report entangled whales IMMEDIATELY to the National Marine Fisheries Service whale entanglement hotline at:  
1-877-SOS-WHALE (1-877-767-9425)  
or hail the U.S. Coast Guard on Channel 16. If possible, stand by.

### **US Coast Guard Vessel Safety Information**

Safety requirements at:

[www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Inspections-Compliance-CG-5PC-/Commercial-Vessel-Compliance/Fishing-Vessel-Safety-Division/](http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Inspections-Compliance-CG-5PC-/Commercial-Vessel-Compliance/Fishing-Vessel-Safety-Division/)

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Report invasive species at (503) 947-6308 or at:  
[www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/invasive\\_species.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/invasive_species.asp)

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## ATTENTION

**This publication describes the non-treaty commercial fishing regulations in condensed form for the convenience of the commercial harvester and is not intended to replace the laws or administrative rules.** Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) are cited in parentheses to help the reader refer to the original sections that were condensed. For detailed information refer to these laws and rules. Unless otherwise specified, information covers laws and rules in effect at the start of the year and is subject to change during the year. Copies of specific laws and rules may be obtained from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) offices. The ORS and OAR are also available online (see pages 6 and 7) and in most public libraries. Commercial fishery laws not listed here are still applicable. Any person participating in any commercial fishery in Oregon must abide by all applicable state and federal laws and rules.

### **Related Publications:**

1. Federal Regulations Applying in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) from 3-200 miles for the U.S. Commercial and Recreational Groundfish Fisheries off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California.
2. Federal Regulations for West Coast Salmon Fisheries Applying in the Exclusive Economic Zone (3-200 miles) off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California.
3. Current information relating to the EEZ for groundfish and salmon federal regulations are available at the website for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Regional Office (WCR):  
[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/west-coast](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/west-coast)
4. Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations are available from the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC): [www.iphc.int](http://www.iphc.int)

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## **ABBREVIATIONS AND CONTACTS**

**Contact Information for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)  
is given on the back cover.**

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CFR      | Code of Federal Regulations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| EEZ      | Exclusive Economic Zone (3-200 miles)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| HSFCA    | High Seas Fishery Compliance Act                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| HMS      | Highly Migratory Species                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| IPHC     | International Pacific Halibut Commission<br>(206) 634-1838<br><a href="http://www.iphc.int">www.iphc.int</a>                                                                                                                                                                |
| MMPA     | Marine Mammal Protection Act                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| NMFS     | National Marine Fisheries Service<br><a href="http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov">www.fisheries.noaa.gov</a>                                                                                                                                                                     |
| NMFS WCR | West Coast Regional Office<br>(206) 526-6150<br><a href="http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/west-coast">www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/west-coast</a><br><br>Long Beach Regional Office<br>(562) 980-4000                                                                  |
| NMFS PRD | NWR Protected Resources Division<br>(206) 526-6733                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| NMFS OLE | Office of Law Enforcement<br>(888) 585-5518                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| NOAA     | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration<br><a href="http://www.noaa.gov">www.noaa.gov</a>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| OAC      | Oregon Albacore Commission<br>(541) 994-2647<br><a href="http://oregonalbacore.org">oregonalbacore.org</a>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| OAR      | Oregon Administrative Rules (for ODFW)<br><a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs/index.asp">www.dfw.state.or.us/OARs/index.asp</a>                                                                                                                                        |
| ODA      | Oregon Department of Agriculture<br>(503) 986-4550<br>Shellfish Hotline: (800) 448-2474<br><a href="http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/FoodSafety/Shellfish/Pages/ShellfishClosures.aspx">www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/FoodSafety/Shellfish/Pages/ShellfishClosures.aspx</a> |
| ODCC     | Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission<br>(541) 267-5810<br><a href="http://www.oregondungeness.org">www.oregondungeness.org</a>                                                                                                                                                  |

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|       |                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OFCC  | Oregon Fishermen's Cable Committee<br>(503) 325-2285<br><a href="http://www.ofcc.com">www.ofcc.com</a>                                                         |
| OSC   | Oregon Salmon Commission<br>(541) 994-2647<br><a href="http://www.oregonsalmon.org">www.oregonsalmon.org</a>                                                   |
| OSMB  | Oregon State Marine Board<br>(503) 378-8587<br><a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/Pages/index.aspx">www.oregon.gov/OSMB/Pages/index.aspx</a>                  |
| OSP   | Oregon State Police<br>(800) 452-7888<br><a href="http://www.oregon.gov/osp/Pages/index.aspx">www.oregon.gov/osp/Pages/index.aspx</a>                          |
| ORS   | Oregon Revised Statutes (Laws)<br><a href="http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/Pages/ORS.aspx">www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/Pages/ORS.aspx</a> |
| OTC   | Oregon Trawl Commission<br>(541) 469-7830<br><a href="http://www.ortrawl.org">www.ortrawl.org</a>                                                              |
| PFMC  | Pacific Fishery Management Council<br>(503) 820-2280<br>Toll Free: (866) 806-7204<br><a href="http://www.pcouncil.org">www.pcouncil.org</a>                    |
| PSMFC | Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission<br>(503) 595-3100<br><a href="http://www.psmfc.org">www.psmfc.org</a>                                               |
| RCA   | Rockfish Conservation Area                                                                                                                                     |
| USCG  | US Coast Guard<br>District 13 Office: (206) 220-7001<br>Emergency: (503) 240-9301                                                                              |
| USFWS | US Fish and Wildlife Service/ Refuge Manager<br>(541) 867-4550                                                                                                 |
| VMS   | Vessel Monitoring System                                                                                                                                       |

## Requirements and Restrictions of Selected State Fisheries

General Commercial Fishing License and Vessel License Required for

All but Albacore, if in possession of Albacore Landing License (p. 11).

| <b>Fishery</b>                                          | <b>Special Permit Requirements</b>    | <b>Federal, Other Management</b> | <b>Catch Limits</b> | <b>Season, Area Restrictions</b> | <b>Biological Restrictions</b> | <b>Logbook Required</b>   | <b>Other</b>                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ocean Troll Salmon</b><br>p. 21                      | Restricted State Permit, Transferable | NMFS                             | Federal and State   | Season and Area                  | Species, Fin Clip and Length   | No                        | Quota Season Call-in Required               |
| <b>Pacific Halibut</b><br>p. 22                         | IPHC                                  | IPHC                             | IPHC                | Season                           | Length                         | IPHC                      |                                             |
| <b>Albacore</b><br>p. 25                                | Federal HMS Permit                    | NMFS                             | None                | None                             | None                           | Federal HMS               | VMS Required for Some Vessels in Some Areas |
| <b>Groundfish</b><br>pp. 25-29                          | Restricted Federal Permits            | NMFS                             | Federal             | Season and Area                  | Species and Length             | State Trawl or Fixed Gear | VMS Required (3-200 miles)                  |
| <b>Black/Blue Rockfish, Nearshore Fish</b><br>pp. 27-29 | Restricted State Permit, Transferable | NMFS                             | State               | Season and Area                  | Species and Length             | State Nearshore           | VMS Required (3-200 miles)                  |
| <b>Sardine</b><br>pp. 29-30                             | Restricted State Permit, Transferable | NMFS                             | Federal             | Season                           | None                           | State Seine               |                                             |



## Requirements and Restrictions of Selected State Fisheries

General Commercial Fishing License Required for All (p. 11). Vessel License Required for All but Crayfish and Clams.

| <b>Fishery</b>                                    | <b>Special Permit Requirements</b>        | <b>Federal, Other Management</b>       | <b>Catch Limits</b> | <b>Season, Area Restrictions</b> | <b>Biological Restrictions</b> | <b>Logbook Required</b> | <b>Other</b>                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sea Urchin and Sea Cucumber</b><br>p. 41       | Restricted State Permit, Transferable     |                                        | None                | Season and Area                  | Minimum Size                   | Yes                     | Individual Permits; No Mixed Gas Diving               |
| <b>Pink Shrimp</b><br>pp. 39-40                   | Restricted State Permit, Transferable     |                                        | None                | Season                           | Maximum Count                  | Yes                     | VMS required (3-200 miles)                            |
| <b>Intertidal Clams, Bait Shrimp</b><br>pp. 33-34 | State Shellfish Harvest Permit            | ODA Requirements for Human Consumption | None                | Season and Area                  | Species and Season             | Yes                     | Dying Required for Bait Clams                         |
| <b>Ocean Dungeness Crab</b><br>pp. 35-37          | Restricted State Permit, Transferable     |                                        | None                | Season                           | Size and Sex                   | Yes                     |                                                       |
| <b>Bay Dungeness Crab</b><br>p. 38                | None                                      |                                        | None                | Season and Weekly                | Size and Sex                   | No                      | Ring Fishing Only                                     |
| <b>Bay Clam Dive</b><br>pp. 34-35                 | Restricted State Permit, Not Transferable | ODA Requirements for Human Consumption | State               | Season and Area                  | Size                           | Yes                     | Clam and Intertidal Fisheries Requirements also Apply |

## Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

### 2021 Commercial Fishing Landing Fees

Wholesale Fish Dealers and Bait Dealers pay a landing fee which is a percentage of the value of the food fish purchased from commercial harvesters (see pages 17-20).

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Salmon</b>            | <b>3.15%</b> |
| <b>Nearshore Species</b> | <b>5.00%</b> |
| <b>Shrimp</b>            | <b>2.40%</b> |
| <b>Sablefish</b>         | <b>2.40%</b> |
| <b>Crab</b>              | <b>2.35%</b> |
| <b>Whiting</b>           | <b>2.30%</b> |
| <b>Other</b>             | <b>2.30%</b> |
| <b>Sardine</b>           | <b>2.25%</b> |
| <b>Groundfish, misc.</b> | <b>2.25%</b> |
| <b>Tuna</b>              | <b>1.09%</b> |

### Fish Dealer License and Permit Fees

Information about these licenses and permits is given on pages 17-20.

|                            | <b>Resident</b> | <b>Non-resident</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Wholesale Dealer</b>    | <b>\$502</b>    | <b>N/A</b>          |
| <b>Bait Dealer</b>         | <b>\$127</b>    | <b>N/A</b>          |
| <b>Limited Fish Seller</b> | <b>\$102</b>    | <b>\$152</b>        |
| <b>Buyer<sup>1</sup></b>   | <b>\$277</b>    | <b>N/A</b>          |

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<sup>1</sup> Required of Wholesale Fish Dealers to purchase or receive food fish or shellfish from commercial harvesters away from licensed facility.

## Commercial Fishing License and Permit Fees

| Resident                               |       | Non-resident |
|----------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| LICENSES:                              |       |              |
| Individual Fishing                     | \$102 | \$152        |
| Crew Member                            | \$127 | \$177        |
| Juvenile <sup>2</sup> (18 or younger)  | \$32  | \$152        |
| Bait Fishing                           | \$127 | \$177        |
| Tuna Commercially Licensed Vessel      | \$27  | \$27         |
| Tuna Unlicensed Vessel                 | \$252 | \$302        |
| Boat, vessels <50 ft.                  | \$352 | \$402        |
| Boat, vessels >50 ft.                  | \$402 | \$452        |
| Single Delivery                        | \$127 | \$177        |
| PERMITS:                               |       |              |
| Ocean Troll Salmon                     | \$127 | \$177        |
| Columbia River Gillnet Salmon          | \$127 | \$177        |
| Weathervane Scallop                    | \$127 | \$177        |
| Yaquina Bay Roe Herring                | \$127 | \$177        |
| Ocean/ Columbia River Dungeness Crab   | \$202 | \$252        |
| Sea Urchin and Sea Cucumber            | \$127 | \$177        |
| Black/Blue Rockfish                    | \$127 | \$177        |
| Nearshore Endorsed Black/Blue Rockfish | \$127 | \$177        |
| Dive Clam, Coastwide                   | \$127 | \$177        |
| Dive Clam, Southcoast                  | \$127 | \$177        |
| Sardine                                | \$127 | \$177        |
| Shellfish Harvester                    | \$127 | \$177        |
| Ocean Pink Shrimp                      | \$202 | \$252        |

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<sup>2</sup> Persons 18 years of age or younger may be subject to state and federal laws which prohibit them from working for someone on a commercial fishing vessel.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### DEFINITIONS

- **Food Fish**

Any animal over which the State Fish and Wildlife Commission has jurisdiction, pursuant to **ORS 506.036**.

- **Bait**

Food fish not harvested for human consumption.

- **Commercial Purposes**

Taking food fish with any gear *unlawful* for angling, or taking or possessing food fish in excess of the limits permitted for personal use, or taking, fishing for, handling, processing, or otherwise disposing of or dealing in food fish with the intent of disposing of such food fish or parts thereof for profit, or by sale, barter or trade, in commercial channels, as specified in **ORS 506.006**.

- **Take**

To fish for, hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill; or attempt to fish for, hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill.

- **Land, Landing, or Landed**

For fisheries where food fish were taken by use of a vessel, means to begin transfer of food fish from a vessel. Once transfer begins, all food fish aboard the vessel are counted as part of that landing, except anchovies being held live on a vessel for use as bait in that vessel's commercial fishing operation.

For fisheries where food fish were taken without use of any vessel, means to begin transfer of food fish from a harvester to a wholesale fish dealer, wholesale fish bait dealer, or food fish buyer. When the harvester and the buyer are the same person or entity, transfer occurs when the food fish arrive at the licensed premises of the buyer. Once transfer begins, all food fish from the harvest area are counted as part of that landing.

- **Process or Processing**

Fresh packaging requiring freezing of food fish, or any part thereof, or any type of smoking, reducing, loining, steaking, pickling or filleting.

- **Pacific Ocean — Inland Waters**

The Pacific Ocean and inland waters lie respectively west and east of a line drawn between the ends of jetties and/or shorelines at high tide at river mouths except the Columbia River where they are separated by a line drawn between the knuckle of the south jetty and the in-shore end of the north jetty.

- **Resident**

An actual bona fide resident of this state for at least one year prior to application for a license.

- **Weighbacks**

Fish or shellfish with no commercial value.

### IT IS ALWAYS UNLAWFUL

- To not abide by the fishing restrictions in areas closed to some or all commercial fishing. Information on specific restrictions for closed areas, including marine reserves and marine protected areas, marine gardens, research reserves, habitat refuges, shellfish preserves, and other closures is given on pages 47-53.
- For a guest on board a commercial fishing vessel to assist in any way in either taking food fish or operating the boat or fishing gear unless licensed as a commercial harvester.
- To have on board a commercial fishing vessel while fishing for or landing food fish, any gear that is not legal for use in commercial fishing.

- For commercial harvesters to transport their catch of food fish in this state to a fish dealer away from the point of landing without first completing a transportation report (see page 54) or invoice indicating: date; harvester's name; commercial fishing license number; boat identification number; name and address of the licensed fish dealer to whom food fish are being delivered; and number and species of food fish and their estimated weight. The transportation report must be retained by the fisher for a period of six months and is subject to inspection by ODFW personnel or Oregon State Police at any time during that period. See the example at the end of this booklet.
- For commercial harvesters to sell their food fish catch, transported away from the point of landing, to other than an Oregon-licensed wholesale fish or bait dealer.
- To take any food fish from waters of the state or to land food fish without first procuring the necessary license and permit.
- To sell catch to other than a licensed wholesale fish dealer, bait dealer, or buyer, except:
  - a. Under a Limited Fish Seller Permit,
  - b. A Columbia River gillnet harvester delivering to a licensed Washington fish dealer by boat, or
  - c. A participant in the federal trawl rationalization program delivering part of their landing to Washington or California by boat.
- To retain fish or shellfish taken under commercial license for private use without first selling it to a wholesale fish dealer or bait dealer, except as authorized under a Limited Fish Seller Permit. All commercially landed fish must be reported.
- To intentionally kill marine mammals except for the protection of human life. All fishers are required to report any incidental injury or death of a marine mammal while fishing. Under an agreement developed between NMFS and ODFW, information collected for licensing purposes by the State of Oregon will be provided to NMFS in lieu of NMFS requiring a separate MMPA registration. For further information on marine mammal Authorizations and reporting requirements contact the NMFS, Protected Resources Division (PRD) at (206) 526-6733.
- To wantonly waste or destroy any food fish or shellfish.
- To remove the fins or tail from any shark at sea. In addition, it is unlawful to remove the fins or tail from any shark, except spiny dogfish, for commercial purposes.
- To sell or offer for sale any part or product of a shark or ray species which is not exempt from the Wildlife Trafficking Prevention Act. For more information including the list of exempt species see:  
[www.dfw.state.or.us/mrp/wildlife\\_trafficking\\_commercial\\_fisheries.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/mrp/wildlife_trafficking_commercial_fisheries.asp)
- Refuse to present, submit, or interfere with the inspection of any fishing gear, fish or parts thereof, or license(s) when requested or required by any peace officer or any authorized Department employee. By purchasing any commercial license or permit, a person consents to these inspections.

## **PROHIBITED SPECIES**

It is unlawful for commercial purposes to:

- Take green sturgeon; steelhead; striped bass; or great white, megamouth, or basking, sharks.
- Take smelt, except 1) in the Pacific Ocean where incidentally caught smelt may be landed by vessels targeting other commercial species, not to exceed 1% of landing by weight, and 2) in the Columbia River when authorized under OAR 635-042-0130.
- Take marine snails, abalone, native littleneck clams, or piddocks.

## SHARED ECOSYSTEM COMPONENT SPECIES RESTRICTIONS

(OAR 635-004-0223 and 635-005-0263)

Shared Ecosystem Component Species in the Pacific Ocean off Oregon are jointly managed by the state of Oregon and the federal government through the Pacific Fishery Management Council process. Restrictions on landings of Shared Ecosystem Component Species apply to all commercial fisheries for which vessels land fish or shellfish from state or federal waters of the Pacific Ocean (0-200 miles) into Oregon.

Federal regulations also apply to at-sea sectors that fish in Oregon waters but land into other states (see Code of Federal Regulations, Part 660, Subpart B).

Shared Ecosystem Component Species which occur in the Pacific Ocean off Oregon include:

- Mesopelagic fishes including lanternfish (*Myctophidae*), deep-sea smelts (*Bathylagidae*), barracudina (*Paralepididae*), and bristlemouths (*Gonostomatidae*);
- Pacific sand lance;
- Pacific saury;
- Silversides (family *Atherinopsidae*);
- Smelts (family *Osmeridae*); and
- Pelagic squids except market squid and Humboldt squid (pelagic squid families: *Cranchiidae*, *Gonatidae*, *Histioteuthidae*, *Octopoteuthidae*, *Ommastrephidae*, *Onychoteuthidae*, and *Thysanoteuthidae*). Directed commercial fishing for market squid and Humboldt squid is allowed as described on page 43, and restrictions for Shared Ecosystem Component Species do not apply.

### Landing Limits

For all Shared Ecosystem Component Species in the aggregate, vessel landing limits apply to all commercial fisheries for fish and shellfish. For commercial purposes, it is unlawful for a vessel to:

- Land Shared Ecosystem Component Species without landing any other species;
- Land more than 10 metric tons of Shared Ecosystem Component Species in aggregate from any fishing trip; or
- Land more than 30 metric tons of Shared Ecosystem Component Species in aggregate within a calendar year.

NOTE: Incidental bycatch of Shared Ecosystem Component Species may be discarded at sea.

### Area

These landing limits apply to fishing trips conducted entirely within waters from the head of tide of inland waters to three nautical miles offshore in the Pacific Ocean, except the Columbia River as defined in OAR 635-003-0005.

## VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

A Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) consists of equipment that tracks a vessel's geographic position through a satellite communication system. The following vessels are required to carry an activated VMS:

- Any vessel that uses non-groundfish trawl gear (for example, shrimp trawl) to fish in the EEZ (3-200 nautical miles off shore),
- Any vessel that takes and retains, or possesses groundfish in the EEZ,
- Any vessel registered for use with a Federal limited entry groundfish permit (except a Mothership permit) that fishes in state or Federal waters (0-200 nautical miles off shore), and
- Some large vessels that fish for tunas in some areas (see Albacore Tuna Fishery on page 25).

**Declaration reports identifying gear type, fishery, and area must be provided** by fishers to NMFS Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) before the vessel leaves port by calling (888) 585-5518. Vessel owners are required to install and use the VMS transceiver unit 24 hours per day after initial activation. Initial activation is required at least 72 hours prior to leaving port on the first trip that requires VMS.

More information can be found by visiting the VMS website at:  
**[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/enforcement#vessel-monitoring](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/enforcement#vessel-monitoring)** or in Federal Regulations (see CFR Title 50, Part 660, Subpart C, 660.14). The NMFS, Northwest OLE VMS Program Manager can be contacted at (206) 526-6133.

## **BOAT RESTRICTIONS, COMMERCIAL FISHING (ORS 508.025, 508.030, 508.035, 508.235, 508.260, and 508.285)**

There are no restrictions on the type or size of vessel which may be licensed for commercial fishing. Commercial fishing boats operating in the Pacific Ocean and estuaries of Oregon must comply with safety and other federal boating restrictions enforced by the US Coast Guard (USCG), NMFS, and/or the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB). Commercial harvesters may use their boats for sport fishing as long as they decide to do so before they go out, use only sport gear, and all passengers and crew stay within sport bag and size limits. IPHC regulations prohibit a vessel with a valid 2A (Washington and Oregon) commercial Pacific halibut license from being used to sport fish for Pacific halibut in Area 2A. Contact IPHC for more information.

### **Identification of Commercial Fishing Boat (OAR 635-006-0140)**

A pair of decals bearing the last two numbers of the year is issued with the boat license. The decals are to be affixed to the licensed boat in a conspicuous place on each side of the boat on the superstructure as near amidships as practicable.

Licensed boats which are federally documented must display their document identification number in not less than 3-inch high block figures adjacent to the current year license decal (vessels over 25 feet fishing for groundfish in federal waters are subject to additional federal vessel identification restrictions).

Licensed boats which are state registered must have their identification number displayed on each side of the bow.

## **COMMERCIAL LICENSES AND PERMITS (OAR 635-006-0001 through 635-006-1210)**

[License Fees: See page 11]

Commercial fishing licenses are issued at ODFW offices in Salem, Astoria, Newport, Charleston, and Brookings. Call ahead for sales hours. Application forms are available from all Marine Resources Program offices. Permit requirements for each fishery are summarized in the section for that fishery. Temporary commercial fishing licenses and single delivery licenses are also issued at selected Wholesale Fish Dealers. **For additional license and permit information, call: ODFW License Services in Salem at (503) 947-6101.**

## **INDIVIDUAL AND CREW LICENSES**

Commercial Fishing Licenses are issued to individuals and are not transferable. Commercial Crewmember Fishing Licenses are issued only to the holder of a boat

license and are transferable to any person assisting in the taking of commercial fish on that boat. Every individual operating or assisting in the operation of any commercial boat or gear or the taking of foodfish must have a Commercial Fishing License, Crewmember Fishing License or Bait Fishing License, except as noted for a Commercial Shellfish Harvest Permit (see page 33 and page 38) or Albacore Tuna Landing License (see page 25).

## **BOAT LICENSES**

Required of any boat, vessel, or floating craft used in taking food fish or shellfish for commercial purposes, except clams and crayfish. Boat licenses are not required to take fish or shellfish for bait under a bait fishing license. This license is not transferable to another boat.

The residential status of the vessel owner determines whether the vessel qualifies for a resident or nonresident boat license (see DEFINITIONS, page 12).

As a license condition, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with ODFW or Federal fishery observers, or observers collecting data for ODFW or a Federal agency. For additional information refer to **OAR 635-006-0140** or regarding observers only, contact ODFW Marine Resources Program office in Newport at (541) 867-4741.

### **Single-Delivery:**

Only one single-delivery landing license per vessel may be obtained and used in lieu of commercial fishing and boat licenses in a 12-month period, except:

- Prohibited for landing ocean troll salmon unless vessel has current Oregon troll salmon vessel permit.
- Prohibited for landing ocean pink shrimp unless vessel has current Oregon pink shrimp vessel permit or appropriate permit or license issued by another state for landing shrimp. Use is limited to one shrimp delivery per year when dependent on a license or permit issued by another state.
- Prohibited for landing weathervane scallops unless vessel has current Oregon scallop vessel permit.
- Prohibited for landing ocean Dungeness crab unless vessel has current Oregon crab vessel permit. Use is limited to 2 ocean Dungeness crab deliveries in any one crab season.

**NOTE:** This license must be obtained prior to fishing in state waters. If an unlicensed vessel catches food fish outside of state waters, a single-delivery license must be purchased at the time of landing. Licenses are available at selected wholesale fish dealers and ODFW Marine Resources Program offices in Astoria, Newport, and Charleston.

## **OTHER LICENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS** **(ORS 508.760 through 508.960) (OAR Divisions, 004, 005, and 006)**

[License Fees: See page 11]

These permits are required in addition to a Commercial Fishing Boat License to participate in the following fisheries: **Columbia River salmon (gillnet); Ocean salmon (troll), Black/Blue Rockfish/Nearshore, Sardine, Yaquina Bay roe herring, ocean Dungeness crab, ocean pink shrimp, brine shrimp, scallop, sea urchin and sea cucumber, and bay clam (dive).** See applicable fishery for more information.



Permits must be renewed annually to remain valid for renewal in the next year. Permit holders may transfer a permit to another person or vessel only if statutory and regulatory requirements are met.

Transferable permits are bought and sold by vessel owners and the transactions must be recorded by ODFW. There is a \$100 transfer fee for each permit being transferred. ODFW has no knowledge of which permits are available for sale. We suggest checking fisheries trade magazines, coastal newspapers and harvesters' associations as possible sources of information for permits available for purchase. For more information, contact ODFW License Services in Salem at (503) 947-6101.

- **Bait Fishing License**

May be obtained in lieu of a commercial fishing and boat license to take food fish or shellfish for sale only to fish bait dealers or used as live bait in a commercial fishing operation, and not for human consumption. All persons who assist in the taking of food fish must be licensed. A bait harvester cannot sell to a wholesale fish dealer.

- **Juvenile Commercial Jig License**

May be obtained from the ODFW Marine Resources Program office in Newport for taking herring, sardine, perch, and anchovies by a hand or jig line and selling to wholesale fish or bait dealer.

- **Permit to Take Nongame Fish**

Required of any person using gear other than that authorized for personal use, to take nongame fish in freshwater.

- **Experimental Fishing Gear Permit**

Required of any person using gear other than that authorized for commercial use, to take food fish or shellfish. Not applicable when Permit to Take Nongame Fish applies.

- **Snagging Permit**

Required of any person to operate a snagging net for the purpose of removing snags or obstructions from fishing areas. This snagging permit does not confer exclusive rights to fish any area of the Columbia River.

## **FISH DEALERS**

All dealers must have an Oregon address where records reporting food fish or shellfish purchases are maintained. All such records must be written in English and maintained for not less than three years and are subject to inspection by an authorized ODFW agent or the Oregon State Police.

Any licensed wholesale fish dealer or buying station whose licensed premises include a receiving or docking facility for unloading the catch from a commercial fishing vessel shall be considered as the receiver and purchaser and shall have the responsibility for weighing the catch (including weighbacks), reporting and paying fees on such catch.

A certified scale is required to weigh fish. It is unlawful to fillet or loin any fish prior to recording on a fish ticket the round weight, or the dressed weight for those species with an approved conversion factor listed in **OAR 635-006-0215**.

## Fish Dealer Reporting Requirements

• **Fish Receiving Tickets** — Must be completed by wholesale fish dealers and bait dealers upon purchase of fish or shellfish from harvesters. Fish tickets must be forwarded to ODFW Salem Headquarters through the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) West Coast E-Ticket system according to the requirements in the following table. All fish dealer amendments must be conducted in the same system in which the ticket was initially submitted.

| Fishery                                                  | Species                                                   | Required Method   | Deadline                                                                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| All fisheries not otherwise listed in this table         | All species                                               | Paper or E-ticket | Mailed or submitted within <b>five working days</b> of landing                                                         |
| Ocean Salmon                                             | All species landed when any salmon are landed             | Paper or E-ticket | Mailed or submitted within <b>four consecutive days</b> of landing                                                     |
| Columbia River non-Treaty fisheries below Bonneville Dam | All salmon, sturgeon, steelhead, and shad                 | E-ticket          | Within <b>24 hours</b> of fishing period ending, or <b>24 hours</b> of landing if fishing period is more than 24 hours |
| Groundfish Individual Trawl Quota fishery                | All species landed                                        | E-ticket          | Within <b>24 hours</b> of date of landing                                                                              |
| Groundfish Limited Entry Fixed Gear fishery              | All species landed when any amount of sablefish is landed | E-ticket          | Within <b>24 hours</b> of date of landing                                                                              |
| Dungeness Crab, Ocean and Bay fisheries                  | All Dungeness crab landed                                 | E-ticket          | Within <b>one working day</b> of date of landing                                                                       |

• **Monthly Fee Reports and Landing Fees** — Must be received or postmarked by the 20th of each month for purchases in the preceding month. A penalty charge of \$5.00 or 5%, whichever is greater, is assessed with a 1% per month interest on any delinquent fee payments. Monthly reports must be submitted even if there are no purchases for the month. **See page 10 for Commercial Fishing Landing Fees.**

## **Fish Dealer Licenses**

- **Wholesale Fish Dealer**

Required for any person who:

- a. Buys food fish or shellfish from a commercial harvester, regardless of its disposition,
- b. Regardless of the source from which received, sells food fish or shellfish to other wholesalers or retailers, or
- c. Processes food fish or shellfish by smoking, reduction, or fresh packaging requiring freezing or refrigeration for sale through retail outlets.

Except for activities authorized under a Limited Fish Sellers Permit, a commercial harvester must have a wholesale license in order to sell catch to anyone other than an Oregon-licensed Wholesale Fish Dealer.

Wholesale Fish Dealers and Bait Dealers pay a landing fee which is a percentage of the value of the food fish purchased from commercial harvesters (see page 10).

In addition, there is a restoration and enhancement fee of 4 cents per pound and an Oregon Hatchery Research Center fee of 4 cents per pound (round weight) for salmon and steelhead landed.

A bond, assigned savings, or deposit of at least \$1,000 and in many cases more, guaranteeing payment of fees, is required. Applications and bond forms may be obtained from ODFW in Salem. A Wholesale Fish Dealer License must be obtained for each location where fish is processed.

- **Fish Buyer License**

This license is required of a Wholesale Fish Dealer to purchase or receive food fish or shellfish from commercial harvesters at locations other than the licensed premises of any licensed Wholesale Fish Dealer or Buying Station. The fish or shellfish must be weighed and a fish ticket prepared at the buying location before the fish are transported. No processing activities are allowed at a Buying Station.

- **Fish Bait Dealer License**

The Fish Bait Dealer License is designed for the small volume dealer who sells or uses food fish or shellfish for bait, scientific or educational purposes, or live public display. Fish Bait Dealers are required to sell all fish and shellfish for bait and may buy from either a licensed bait harvester or commercial harvester. Sale for human consumption under this license is prohibited. A minimum cash deposit of \$25 is required to assure payment of landing fees. The landing fees are the same as those listed in the Wholesale Fish Dealer License section.

- **Limited Fish Sellers Permit**

This permit authorizes licensed commercial harvesters to sell their catch of food fish and shellfish directly from their boat, but only to the ultimate consumer, defined as a person that will ultimately consume the fish, including restaurants

All Limited Fish Seller Permits are issued from ODFW Headquarters in Salem. It is recommended that applicants telephone ahead to obtain details of licensing requirements. A Limited Fish Seller Permit can usually be issued over-the-counter if applying in person at the Salem headquarters. Applying in person at the ODFW Newport or Charleston offices can take up to two weeks to accommodate for processing of applications and bonds, and return mailing of licenses, forms, and instructions to applicant. Renewals handled through the mail can take as much as three weeks. Permit

renewals may take longer if the prior year's fish tickets, monthly reports, or account balances are not in order.

Landing fees are the same as for wholesale fish dealers. A minimum of a \$200 bond or cash payment is required to assure payment of landing fees. The amount may be higher in subsequent years if renewing a permit.

Limited Fish Seller Permit holders must notify ODFW, at (503) 947-6247, if the holder is going to sell from a vessel or at a port other than the one listed on the Limited Fish Seller's application. A fish ticket must be started prior to sales and include the estimated number of food fish on board the vessel and the location where sales are to take place. A numbered, generic receipt is needed for each sale to the public. The completed fish ticket must be forwarded to ODFW Salem Headquarters or submitted through the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) West Coast E-Ticket system within ten working days of the landing or within seven days of making the first sale, whichever comes first. For fisheries where E-tickets are required, an initial fish ticket must be submitted according to the deadlines for wholesale fish dealers and bait dealers (see page 18), and then amended once sales for that landing are completed. All Limited Fish Seller amendments must be conducted in the same system in which the ticket was initially submitted. Permit holders must keep receipt copies of food fish or shellfish sales on board their vessel for six months and available for three years. Receipt copies are subject to inspection by an authorized ODFW agent or the Oregon State Police.

### **Sorting Required**

Fish Dealers and Limited Fish Sellers are responsible for reporting on fish tickets all landed catch sorted to market category (species or species group) as defined by ODFW (OAR 635-006-0210). For current market categories and the species included, call ODFW Fisheries Information at (503) 947-6247.

It is unlawful to fail to sort prior to the first weighing after offloading those groundfish species or species groups for which there is a trip limit, quota, harvest guideline, harvest cap, size limit, scientific sorting designation, Optimum Yield (OY) or Annual Catch Limit (ACL) (OAR 635-006-0209).

**For additional license and permit information, call  
ODFW License Services in Salem at (503) 947-6101.**

## OCEAN TROLL SALMON FISHERY

(OAR 635-003-0003 through 635-003-0085)

[Permit Fees: See page 11]

Regulations for the ocean troll salmon fishery change frequently. Consult the latest OAR and federal regulations covering this fishery before fishing. For further information, contact PFMC or NMFS WCR, or the ODFW Marine Resources Program office in Newport. For a recorded message that summarizes inseason changes to date, call the ocean salmon telephone hotline at (206) 526-6667 or (800) 662-9825.

### •Ocean Troll Salmon Vessel Restricted Participation Permit

Required in addition to a boat license for salmon trolling. **No new permits are available.**

NOTE: A boat license must be purchased prior to or at the time of permit renewal. Permit holders may transfer a permit to another person or vessel only if statutory requirements are met. For more information contact ODFW License Services in Salem at (503) 947-6101.

### Area

Pacific Ocean only.

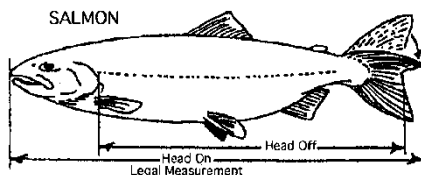
### Gear

Commercial troll gear only, which is defined as one or more lines that drag hooks behind a moving fishing vessel. In that portion of the fishery management area off Oregon and Washington, the line or lines must be affixed to the vessel and must not be intentionally disengaged from the vessel at any time during the fishing operation. It is unlawful to engage in recreational fishing while aboard a vessel engaged in commercial fishing.

### Length

The length of a salmon is the shortest distance between the tip of the snout or jaw (whichever extends furthest while mouth is closed) and the tip of the longest lobe of the tail when in line with the backbone.

All salmon must be landed with the head on, except heads may be removed from salmon which are to be frozen and will remain frozen until landed and which do not have the adipose fin removed (coded-wire tagged fish).



The head-off length of a salmon is the distance between the midpoint of the clavicle arch and the fork of the tail.

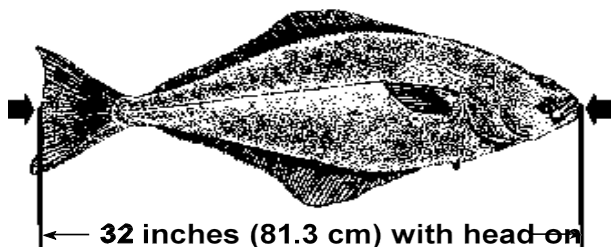
## **PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-004-0580 and 635-004-0585)**

The 2021 commercial season, regulations, and restrictions will be set early in 2021 by the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). It is unlawful to take halibut for commercial purposes except as set by the IPHC and in accordance with a valid permit issued by the IPHC. Contact the IPHC at (206) 634-1838 or ODFW Marine Resources Program office in Newport for current regulations.

A free license is required for all commercial vessels and charter vessels which retain Pacific halibut. Applications may be obtained from the IPHC; US Customs offices; and ODFW offices in Astoria, Newport, Charleston, Brookings or Salem.

Pacific Halibut



### **Size Limit**

It is unlawful to take any Pacific halibut that with head on is less than 32 inches as measured in a straight line, passing over the pectoral fin, from the tip of the lower jaw with the mouth closed, to the extreme end of the middle of the tail.

All Pacific halibut caught in IPHC Area 2A (Washington, Oregon, and California) must be landed with their heads on.

### **Retention of Tagged Pacific Halibut**

A vessel may retain and land at any time, any Pacific halibut that has an IPHC tag attached to it at the time of capture, if the halibut with tag still attached is reported at time of landing to a representative of the IPHC or to an officer of a state or provincial (Canada) government.

## **FAR OFFSHORE FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-004-0240 through 635-004-0265)**

"Far Offshore Fishery" is defined as a fishery where the fish are taken outside the United States 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

### **High Seas Fishery Permit**

The federal High Seas Fishery Compliance Act (HSFCA) requires vessels of United States registry, that fish on the high seas to have a HSFCA permit. High seas are defined as those waters beyond the EEZ of any country. Information and an application for a permit can be obtained from NMFS:

**[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/high-seas-fishing-permits](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/high-seas-fishing-permits)**

## **Offshore Declaration and Notification**

The skipper of any vessel participating in a far offshore fishery intending to land fish products in Oregon shall notify ODFW of any such fishing trip at least 48 hours prior to leaving port. Skippers of any vessel targeting albacore tuna in the far offshore fishery are not required to make a far offshore declaration. The notification provides opportunity for ODFW to conduct a hold inspection to certify that the hold is empty of fish products and that the vessel is authorized to participate in the far offshore fishery.

A declaration (either written or verbal) to leave for a far offshore fishery shall include:

- Area to be fished; and
- Intended port and processor of delivery.

The skipper of a vessel participating in, and intending to return from, the far offshore fishery must notify ODFW at least 24 hours prior to delivery and include the following information:

- Vessel name and documentation number;
- Estimated time of arrival;
- Port and processor of delivery; and
- Estimated weight of fish on board.

Returning skippers may contact any ODFW Marine Resources Program office during regular office hours or Oregon State Police at other times.

## **MARINE FISH FISHERIES**

The following general regulations are applicable to commercial harvest of all species other than salmon or shellfish. Specific, more restrictive regulations for each fishery follow this section.

### **Definitions**

- **Ocean Food Fish**

Includes all saltwater species of food fish except salmon, Pacific halibut, and shellfish whether found in freshwater or saltwater.

- **Trip Limit**

The total allowable amount of a groundfish species or species complex, by weight, or by percentage of fish on board, that may be taken and retained, possessed, or landed per vessel from a single fishing trip. A vessel which has landed its cumulative or daily limit may continue to fish on the limit for the next legal period as long as the fish are not landed until the next period.

- **Daily Trip Limit**

The maximum amount that may be taken and retained, possessed, or landed per vessel in 24 consecutive hours, starting at 0001 hours local time. Only one landing of groundfish may be made in that 24-hour period.

- **Cumulative Trip Limit**

The maximum amount that may be taken and retained, possessed, or landed per vessel in a specified period of time, without a limit on the number of landings or trips. Cumulative trip limits may apply to calendar months or two calendar month periods. For two calendar month cumulative limits, the periods are: Jan.-Feb.; Mar.-Apr.; May-Jun.; Jul.-Aug.; Sept.-Oct.; and Nov.-Dec.

## **Area**

It is unlawful to take Ocean Food Fish for commercial purposes from Oregon coastal bays, Oregon estuary waters of the Columbia River, or within 200 yards of any man-made structure, except:

- Fisheries with specific rules allowing harvest in inland waters;
- Fish sold or used for scientific or educational purposes, or for live public display; or
- Herring, sardine, anchovies and shad sold as bait that are taken by beach seine in the Umpqua estuary or taken by hook and line.

## **Gear**

The gears below, with restrictions as noted, are the only gears legal for taking Ocean Food Fish. Specific fisheries may have additional gear restrictions (see fishery sections).

### **• Trawl Nets**

Trawl nets meeting the federal specifications for groundfish trawl gear given in CFR, Title 50, Part 660, Subpart D, 660.130 may be used to take Ocean Food Fish in the Pacific Ocean only.

### **• Pots, Traps, and Longlines**

Pot, trap, and longline gear may be used to take Ocean Food Fish in the Pacific Ocean only. Such gear which is fixed or anchored to the bottom shall not be left unattended for more than seven days. Such gear shall be marked at each terminal surface end with a pole and a flag, light, radar reflector, and buoy showing clear identification of the owner or operator.

Pot or trap gear used to take Ocean Food Fish other than hagfish shall have a biodegradable escape panel constructed with #21 or smaller, untreated cotton twine in such a manner that an opening at least 8 inches in diameter will result when the twine deteriorates. See page 32 for hagfish gear specifications.

### **• Vertical Hook-and-Line**

Vertical hook-and-line gear may be used to take Ocean Food Fish in the Pacific Ocean only. Vertical hook-and-line gear that is closely tended may be marked only with a single buoy of sufficient size to float the gear. "Closely tended" means that a vessel is within visual sighting distance or within  $\frac{1}{4}$  nautical mile, as determined by electronic navigational equipment, of its vertical hook-and-line gear.

Vertical hook-and-line gear that is not closely tended shall not be left unattended for more than seven days, and shall be marked at each terminal surface end with a pole and a flag, light, radar reflector, and buoy showing clear identification of the owner or operator.

### **• Seines**

Seines may be used to take Ocean Food Fish other than groundfish in the Pacific Ocean. Seines are permitted with restrictions in the following bay and estuary fisheries: Columbia River anchovy and herring (see page 45); Yaquina Bay roe-herring (see page 31), Inland Waters anchovy (see pages 30-31), and Umpqua estuary bait fish above.

### **• Other Gear**

Handline, pole-and-line, pole-reel-and-line, dipnet, and spear may be used to take Ocean Food Fish.



## HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES FISHERIES

(OAR 635-004-0550 through 635-004-0570)

[License Fees: See page 11]

### ALBACORE TUNA FISHERY

(OAR 635-004-0560 through 635-004-0570)

#### **\*Commercially Licensed and Unlicensed Boat Albacore Tuna Landing License**

May be obtained in lieu of commercial fishing (including crew member) and boat licenses when landing only albacore tuna. A tuna landing license is not required for vessels that hold a current Oregon Commercial Boat license AND whose crew are fishing using a valid crew license or a valid Oregon Personal Commercial License. A Commercially Licensed Boat Albacore Tuna Landing License may be obtained for a boat that holds a current commercial boat license in another state. An Unlicensed Boat Albacore Tuna Landing License may be obtained for any boat not commercially licensed in any state. These licenses apply only to fishing for and landing albacore tuna and do not exempt fishers from any relevant Fish Dealer License requirements.

Application for either of these licenses may be made and the fee paid at time of landing, on an ODFW license application form. This license allows unlimited landings of albacore tuna by the vessel during the calendar year of issue.

NOTE Federal commercial fishing requirements: If you are obtaining this license to catch and then sell fish, you are operating as a commercial fishing vessel and not a recreational vessel.

A commercial fishing vessel has different safety equipment requirements than a recreational vessel. You should visit <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Inspections-Compliance-CG-5PC-/Commercial-Vessel-Compliance/Fishing-Vessel-Safety-Division/>, click on the checklist generator link and view the safety equipment requirements for your particular vessel.

Vessels greater than 30 feet may need to be federally documented rather than state registered. Visit: <https://homeport.uscg.mil/Lists/Content/Attachments/293/CG-5397.pdf>, follow the directions and fill out the form to calculate your vessel's tonnage. If the vessel measures greater than 5 "net tons" your vessel must be federally documented, not state registered.

VMS is required for commercial fishing vessels, 24 meters (78 feet, 9 inches) or more in overall length, used to target tunas in the area bounded by the west coast of the Americas and on the north, south and west respectively, by the 50° N. and 50° S. parallels, and the 150° W. meridian.

Federal requirements for Highly Migratory Species permits and logbooks also apply. Permit application and logbook available at: [www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/pacific-highly-migratory-species-permit](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/pacific-highly-migratory-species-permit). Instructions for US vessels wanting to fish in Canada are available at: [www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/tuna-treaty-permit](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/tuna-treaty-permit).

## GROUND FISH FISHERIES

(OAR 635-004-0270 through 635-004-0365)

[Permit Fees: See page 11]

### **Area**

The Pacific Ocean is open to the commercial harvest of groundfish. Special restrictions apply for the closed areas listed on pages 47-53 and for the groundfish conservation areas described in CFR Title 50, Part 660, Subpart C, 660.70 through 660.79, which restrict many directed groundfish fishing activities.

Information on federal closed fishing areas is available at:  
**[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/sustainable-fisheries/west-coast-groundfish-closed-areas](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/sustainable-fisheries/west-coast-groundfish-closed-areas)**

### **Vessel Monitoring System**

Required for any vessel that takes and retains, or possesses groundfish in the EEZ, and any vessel registered for use with a federal limited entry groundfish permit (except a Mothership permit) that fishes in state or federal waters (0 – 200 nautical miles off shore). See page 14 for more information.

### **Size Limits**

The size limit applies to the longest measurement of the fish without mutilation of the fish or the use of force to extend the length of the fish.

- **Lingcod**

It is unlawful to take lingcod smaller than 22 inches for commercial purposes. For whole lingcod, total length will be measured from the tip of the snout (mouth closed) to the tip of the tail in a natural relaxed position.

For a lingcod with the head removed, the length must be at least 18 inches as measured from the origin of the first dorsal fin to the tip of the upper lobe of the tail; the dorsal fin and tail must be left intact.

- **Nearshore Fish**

It is unlawful to take China, copper, grass, or quillback rockfish or greenling smaller than 12 inches in length or cabezon smaller than 16 inches in length with non-trawl fishing gear. For nearshore fish, length will be measured from the tip of the snout (mouth closed) to the extreme end of the tail.

### **Maintenance of Cumulative Catch Records**

Vessels landing groundfish under a cumulative catch limit must have on board copies of fish landing receipts for inspection by authorized enforcement officials for a minimum of 90 days from date of delivery. Receipts must be signed and dated by both the dealer and vessel captain. Landing receipts may be in the form of ODFW Fish Receiving Tickets; fish dealer “dock tickets” identified with official dealer logo or letterhead; or official Fish Receiving Tickets from other states.

## **TRAWL AND NON-NEARSHORE FIXED GEAR FISHERIES**

**(OAR 635-004-0255 through 635-004-0300)**

**[Permit Fees: See page 11]**

The trawl and fixed gear groundfish fisheries are jointly managed by the state of Oregon and the federal government through the PFMC process. Federal regulations found in CFR Title 50, Part 660, Subparts C through F are the primary regulations for these fisheries and are adopted for state waters by reference in OAR. Regulations, including trip limits and RCA boundaries, are subject to frequent changes throughout the year and are not published here. Fishers should consult the NMFS WCR Groundfish Management website at:

**[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/west-coast-groundfish](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/west-coast-groundfish)** or contact any ODFW Marine Resources Program office (see back cover) for the most up to date regulations for any species included in the following list of groundfish management groups.

The state may impose additional, more restrictive regulations for federal groundfish fisheries. The remainder of the groundfish section is dedicated to additional state regulations.

| Groundfish Management Groups   |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Black, Blue & Deacon Rockfish* | Pacific Whiting       |
| Canary Rockfish                | Longspine Thornyhead  |
| Darkblotched Rockfish          | Shortspine Thornyhead |
| Widow Rockfish                 | Arrowtooth Flounder   |
| Yelloweye Rockfish             | Dover Sole            |
| Yellowtail Rockfish            | Petrale Sole          |
| Minor Nearshore Rockfish*      | Rex Sole              |
| Minor Shelf Rockfish*          | Other Flatfish        |
| Minor Slope Rockfish           | Other Fish            |
| Cabazon & Kelp Greenling*      | Lingcod               |
| Longnose Skate                 | Sablefish             |
| Pacific Cod                    | Spiny Dogfish         |
| Pacific Ocean Perch            |                       |

\*These species (or component species of a group) have additional, more restrictive state regulations. See Black Rockfish/Blue Rockfish/Nearshore Fishery section.

## Logbook

The skipper of a boat fishing for groundfish by means of trawl (including shrimp trawl), longline, hook-and-line, or pot gear must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, completed within one week of landing according to the instructions therein. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of landing.

## BLACK ROCKFISH/BLUE ROCKFISH/NEARSHORE FISHERY (OAR 635-004-0295 through 635-004-0365)

### •Black/Blue Rockfish Restricted Participation Permit

Required in addition to a boat license to participate in the black rockfish/blue rockfish fishery.

### •Black/Blue Rockfish Restricted Participation Permit with a Nearshore Endorsement

Required in addition to a boat license to participate in the black rockfish/blue rockfish/nearshore fish fishery.

For both permit types, prior year's permit is renewable if the vessel made a minimum of five commercial fish landings in Oregon during the calendar year prior to the request for renewal. Black Rockfish/Blue Rockfish permits and Black Rockfish/Blue Rockfish permits with Nearshore Endorsement must be applied for by January 1 of the permit year or by April 1 of the permit year accompanied by a \$150 late fee (**ORS 508.947**). Permit holders may transfer a permit to another person or vessel only if statutory requirements are met. See the following list of Nearshore Fish Species.

| Nearshore Fish Species List |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Cabazon                     | Grass Rockfish     |
| Kelp Greenling              | Kelp Rockfish      |
| Painted Greenling           | Olive Rockfish     |
| Rock Greenling              | Quillback Rockfish |
| Whitespotted Greenling      | Tiger Rockfish     |
| Black and Yellow Rockfish   | Vermilion Rockfish |
| Brown Rockfish              | Brown Irish Lord   |
| Calico Rockfish             | Red Irish Lord     |
| China Rockfish              | Buffalo Sculpin    |
| Copper Rockfish             | Treefish           |
| Gopher Rockfish             |                    |

**NOTE:** The species previously known as blue rockfish has recently been recognized as two distinct species: blue rockfish and deacon rockfish. Throughout the groundfish regulations, all references to blue rockfish include both blue rockfish and deacon rockfish.

### Logbook

The skipper and boat owner of a boat fishing for black rockfish, blue rockfish, or nearshore fish are responsible for keeping an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, completed within one week of landing according to the instructions therein. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of landing.

### Season

The season for black and blue rockfish and nearshore fish is open year-round until catch quotas are met. For most current information, see [www.dfw.state.or.us/mrp/regulations/commercial\\_fishing/gfregs/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/mrp/regulations/commercial_fishing/gfregs/)

### Gear

It is unlawful to take black rockfish/blue rockfish/nearshore fishery species by any means other than hook and line gear (including pole and line; troll; longline; cable gear; and stick gear).

### Trip Limits

Trip limits for these species change throughout the season and OARs and federal regulations should be consulted before fishing. No vessel may exceed state or federal daily, weekly, or period limits. For current state trip limits, see most recent industry notice at: [www.dfw.state.or.us/mrp/regulations/commercial\\_fishing/gfregs/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/mrp/regulations/commercial_fishing/gfregs/).

Vessels with a Black/Blue Rockfish permit without a Nearshore Endorsement may land up to 15 pounds of nearshore fish for no more than one landing per day, not to exceed 25% of the total poundage of each landing.

For all commercial gears except trawl, it is unlawful to take or retain more than the following amount of black rockfish per vessel from a single fishing trip if any fishing occurs within a Black Rockfish Management Area:

- 300 pounds per trip from March through October;
- 500 pounds per trip from November through February.

Black Rockfish Management Areas are defined as:

- Tillamook Head (45° 56'45" N. latitude) to Cape Lookout (45° 20'15" N. latitude);
- Cascade Head (45° 03'50" N. latitude) to Cape Perpetua (44° 18' N. latitude);
- From a point (43° 30' N. latitude), approximately 8-1/2 nautical miles north of the Coos Bay north jetty to a point (43° 03' N. latitude) adjacent to the mouth of Fourmile Creek, approximately 4-1/2 nautical miles south of the Bandon south jetty;
- Mack Arch (42° 13'40" N. latitude) to Oregon - California border (42° N. latitude).

### **Incidental Catch Limits in Other Fisheries**

Vessels landing black rockfish, blue rockfish, or nearshore fish under incidental catch limits in other fisheries must not exceed trip limits established for this fishery (see above). A vessel without a Black Rockfish/Blue Rockfish Restricted Participation Permit may land black rockfish, blue rockfish, or nearshore fish as follows:

- **All fisheries** – Except as provided below, 15 pounds per day of black rockfish, blue rockfish, and nearshore fish combined for no more than one landing per day. These species may not make up over 25% of the total poundage of each landing and must be landed with fishing gear that is legal to use in the fishery in which they are landed.
- **Ocean troll salmon fishery** - 100 pounds per landing of black rockfish and blue rockfish in aggregate. These species must be landed in the same landing in which the person lands a salmon, and must be landed dead. If the total amount of black rockfish and blue rockfish landed in the ocean troll salmon fishery reaches 3,000 pounds in a calendar year, this limit is reduced to 15 pounds per landing for the remainder of the year.
- **Groundfish trawl fishery** - 1,000 pounds of black rockfish and blue rockfish combined per calendar year. Black rockfish and blue rockfish may not make up over 25% of the total poundage of each landing, and must be landed dead.
- **Non-profit aquariums** - A nonprofit aquarium or a vessel contracted by a nonprofit aquarium may land black rockfish, blue rockfish, or nearshore fish for the purpose of displaying or conducting research on these species.

## **COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERIES**

**(OAR 635-004-0370 through 635-004-0545)**

[Permit Fees: See page 11]

Sardine, mackerels, anchovies, and market squid are federally managed under the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Plan and federal regulations apply. Fishers should consult the WCR coastal pelagic species website at:

**[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/coastal-pelagic-species](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/coastal-pelagic-species)**

### **Logbook**

The skipper of a boat fishing for any of these species with seine gear must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, completed before each offload is complete according to the instructions therein. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of harvest.

### **Gear**

- For vessels using purse seine gear to take any coastal pelagic species except market squid, a grate must be placed over the intake of the hold of the vessel to sort out larger species of fish. None of the openings between the bars in the grate may exceed 2-3/8 inches.

- A commercial vessel may pump coastal pelagic species onboard directly from the pursed seine of a catching vessel provided the fish so pumped make up no more than 20% of the weight of either vessel's landing. The receiving vessel must:
  - a. Have lawfully deployed purse seine gear during the current calendar year and pumped resultant catch onboard the same vessel for delivery to a port of landing or fish dealer in Oregon;
  - b. Possess onboard, in working order, legal seine gear capable of catching coastal pelagic species including but not limited to seine net, skiff, and pumping gear;
  - c. Document the vessel that made the set, any other vessel pumping fish from the pursed seine, and information on catch and location in the logbook required under OAR 635-004-0376; and
- If the catching vessel is participating in the directed commercial sardine fishery, the receiving vessel must also hold a valid Sardine Permit pursuant to OAR 635-004-0385.

### **Bycatch**

All groundfish and salmon must be returned to the water immediately. Every effort must be made to dipnet salmon out of the seine net before they go through a pump system.

### **No Directed Reduction Fishery Allowed**

No more than ten percent of a coastal pelagic species landing may be used for conversion into fish flour, fish meal, fish scrap, fertilizer, fish oil, and other fishery products or by-products for purposes other than human consumption or fishing bait. To avoid wastage of fish, exceptions to this rule may be granted due to unforeseen circumstances with written authorization by the ODFW Director.

### **SARDINE FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-004-0380 through 635-004-0430)**

#### **•Sardine Restricted Participation Permit**

Required in addition to a boat license and commercial fishing license for sardine fishing in the Pacific Ocean. **No new permits are available.** Permit is renewable if the required logbook is completed and returned to ODFW before applying for permit renewal. There are no landings requirements for permit renewal. For more information, contact ODFW License Services in Salem at (503) 947-6101.

### **INLAND WATERS ANCHOVY FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-004-0530)**

#### **Area and Season**

For inland waters (bays and estuaries), anchovy may be harvested in Tillamook, Yaquina, Winchester, and Coos Bays to be used as live bait in commercial fishing operations by the catching vessel from July 1 through October 31. For commercial fishing in the Columbia River, see Columbia River Fisheries for Anchovy and Herring on page 45.

#### **Gear**

It is unlawful to use any fishing gear or method of harvest for taking anchovy in inland waters other than lampara net, hook and line, or purse seine with a maximum length of 50 fathoms (300 feet), defined as the maximum distance from the first to the last pursing rings on the purse line.

## **Notification and Reporting**

Anyone intending to fish for anchovy in inland waters except the Columbia River must notify Oregon State Police 12 hours prior to fishing by calling (800) 452-7888. Notification must include vessel name and number, fishing location, and estimated time of fishing activity.

Anchovy taken for use as live bait by the catching vessel are not required to be reported on a fish ticket, but must be reported by submitting a completed seine logbook to ODFW according to the instructions therein.

### INLAND WATERS HERRING FISHERY

#### **(OAR 635-004-0445 and 635-004-0450)**

Inland Waters Herring Fishery rules apply to herring taken from inland waters (all bays and estuaries) except when participating in the Columbia River Anchovy and Herring fishery (see page 44) or the Yaquina Bay Roe Herring fishery (see below).

Herring taken from inland waters may be sold only for bait, to a licensed Bait Fish Dealer.

## **Gear**

It is unlawful to take herring from inland waters by any means other than hook and line except beach seine is allowed in the Umpqua estuary.

### PACIFIC OCEAN HERRING FISHERY

#### **(OAR 635-004-0510 through 635-004-0520)**

Commercial fishing for herring is open all year in the ocean.

## **Logbook**

The skipper of a boat fishing for herring with seine gear in the ocean must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, completed before each offload is completed according to the instructions therein. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of harvest.

### YAQUINA BAY ROE HERRING

#### **(OAR 635-004-0455 through 635-004-0505)**

## **•Yaquina Bay Roe Herring Restricted Participation Permit**

Required in addition to a boat license for participating in Yaquina Bay roe-herring fishery. **No new permits are available.** Prior year's permit renewable if permit fees are paid by December 31 of permit year. Permits are transferable only if statutory requirements are met. For more information contact: ODFW License Services in Salem at (503) 947-6101.

## **Logbook**

The skipper of a boat fishing for roe herring with seine gear must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, completed before each offload is completed according to the instructions therein. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of harvest.

## **Season and Harvest Limit**

The fishery is open only during January 1 through April 15 each year. During this period, fishing with nets is prohibited from midnight Friday through midnight Sunday of any week. The yearly spawning biomass and commercial harvest cap shall be determined by the ODFW Marine Resources Program.

## **Gear**

The only allowable gears or fishing methods are lampara net, hook and line, and purse seine with a maximum length of 50 fathoms (300 feet), defined as the maximum distance from the first to last pursing rings.

## **OTHER MARINE FISH FISHERIES**

### HAGFISH FISHERY

**(OAR 635-004-0610 through 635-004-0625)**

#### **Logbook**

The skipper of a boat fishing for hagfish must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, according to the instructions therein. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of landing.

#### **Gear**

It is unlawful for a single commercial fishing vessel to possess, use, control or operate more than 200 hagfish pots. Pots may be fished individually or on common ground line. Pot gear used for hagfish shall include a biodegradable escape exit of at least three inches in diameter constructed with 120 thread size or smaller untreated cotton twine, or mild steel not to exceed 1/4-inch (six mm) in diameter.

#### **Incidental Catch**

All species of finfish and shellfish other than hagfish caught in hagfish pots must be returned immediately to the water.

### SURFPERCH FISHERY

**(OAR 635-004-0650 through 635-004-0655)**

#### **Season**

It is unlawful to take surfperch for commercial purposes from the Pacific Ocean from August 1 thru September 30.

#### **Area**

It is unlawful to take surfperch for commercial purposes from Oregon's bays and estuaries at all times.

### MINOR FINFISH FISHERIES

**(OAR 635-004-0660 through 635-004-0670)**

The following list of species is recognized by ODFW as minor finfish species:

| Minor Finfish List |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Blue shark         | Eelpouts         |
| Pacific pomfret    | Pacific sandfish |
| Salmon shark       | Skilfish         |
| Slender sole       | Walleye Pollock  |
| Wolf-eel           |                  |



## **Logbook**

The skipper of a boat fishing for minor finfish species must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, according to the instructions therein. This requirement does not apply when minor finfish species are considered 'weighbacks' under **OAR 635-006-0001**. Logbook information is confidential.

## **SHELLFISH FISHERIES**

### **PROHIBITED SHELLFISH SPECIES:**

- Marine snails and abalone (**OAR 635-005-0295**)
- Piddocks (**OAR 635-005-0300**)
- Native littleneck clams (**OAR 635-005-0290**)

### **CLAM AND INTERTIDAL FISHERIES**

**(Bay clams, razor clams, mussels, bait (mud and ghost) shrimp, and other intertidal animals)**

**(OAR 635-005-0245 through 635-005-0390)**

[Permit Fees: See page 11]

### **•Commercial Shellfish and Intertidal Animal Harvest Permits**

Commercial Shellfish or Intertidal Animal Harvest Permit is required. Permits are available at Marine Resource Program offices in Astoria, Newport, and Charleston. Individual permit required in addition to commercial fishing license for harvesting clams, mussels, bait shrimp, red rock crab, and miscellaneous intertidal animals. Prior to re-issue, submission of previous year's logbook is required. Crew Member Licenses are not allowed for the Commercial Shellfish Harvest Permit.

Additional license requirement for each harvester, distributor or processor of clams, mussels, and scallops intended for human consumption is available through Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) at (503) 986-4720.

Subtidal harvest of clams requires a Bay Clam Dive Permit (see page 35).

## **Logbook**

Each harvester fishing for clams or intertidal species must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, according to the instructions therein. All harvesters shall fill out logbooks prior to leaving the harvest area. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of harvest.

### **Season and Area**

- Gaper clams may be taken from July 1 through December 31.
- Razor clams may be taken year-round, except from July 15 through September 30 in the area north of Tillamook Head in Clatsop County.
- It is unlawful to take clams from:
  - a. Little Nestucca Bay,
  - b. Big Nestucca Bay,
  - c. Netarts Bay (except cockles may be taken in an area west of and including the main channel, north of the northern boundary line for the Shellfish Preserve (Latitude 45°23.68'N), and south of Latitude 45°24.71'N, near the informational kiosk),
  - d. Salmon River and Bay,

- e. Siletz River and Bay, and
- f. All state parks south of Tillamook Head.
- Shellfish preserves in Netarts and Yaquina bays are closed to all clam digging (see pages 51-52).
- Unlawful to take any shellfish from Special Regulation Marine Areas as described in OAR 635-005-0260.
- Unlawful to take clams or mussels from a health closure area closed for biotoxins.
- Unlawful to take any shellfish taken for human consumption from an area designated as restricted by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA).
- Unlawful to take native littleneck clams (*Leukoma staminea*).

### **Catch Limits**

The annual landing cap for cockles taken from Netarts Bay is 22,000 pounds.

### **Gear**

It is unlawful to take razor clams by any means other than by hand or shovel. It is unlawful to take mussels by any means other than hand or a hand powered tool.

### **Size**

The minimum legal size of razor clams taken for commercial purposes is 3-3/4 inches. All undersized razor clams must be immediately returned to the hole from which they were dug with the hinge oriented towards the ocean. The minimum legal size of cockles taken from Tillamook or Netarts bay is 2-3/4 inches.

### **Time of Sale**

Clams being sold as bait must be sold within 48 hours of harvest or leaving the digging area, whichever comes last. Clams being sold for human consumption must be sold within 24 hours of harvest or leaving the digging area, whichever comes last.

### **Clams and Mussels for Bait**

Clams and mussels taken as bait must be visibly dyed with an ODFW-approved dye (Red #40).

- Dyeing must occur before leaving the harvest area, before being transported by vehicle, or before the time of docking of the vessel used in harvesting.
- Clams and mussels taken for bait may not be possessed aboard a vessel while clams and mussels for human consumption are on board. Upon leaving the vessel or the harvest area, clams and mussels taken as bait may not be mixed with clams and mussels taken for human consumption.
- Prior to sale, clams or mussels taken from restricted areas and live boxed must be stored in a restricted area pending sale.
- Clams or mussels taken for human consumption and later sold as bait must be dyed at the time of sale to a bait dealer.

### **Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Health Closure Information**

Warnings and alerts can be obtained by calling the ODA shellfish telephone hotline at (800) 448-2474 or at:

**[www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/FoodSafety/Shellfish/Pages/ShellfishClosures.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/FoodSafety/Shellfish/Pages/ShellfishClosures.aspx)**

## **BAY CLAM DIVE FISHERY**

### **(OAR 635-005-305 through 635-005-360)**

The following requirements and restrictions pertain to the bay clam dive fishery, in addition to those regarding clam and intertidal fisheries.

#### **•Coast-wide Bay and South-Coast Bay Clam Dive Restricted Participation Permits**

Restricted fishery permit required: Coast-wide Bay Clam Dive Permit (Oregon estuaries) or South-coast Bay Clam Dive Permit (Oregon estuaries south of Heceta Head). Individual or vessel permit required in addition to commercial fishing license for harvesting bay clams from subtidal areas in Oregon estuaries using dive gear. Prior year's permit renewable if five landings of at least 100 pounds each or an annual total of 2,500 pounds of bay clams using dive gear were landed in Oregon in prior calendar year. Permit must be renewed by January 31 of permit year.

#### **Logbook**

Each harvester of bay clams must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, according to the instructions therein. All divers shall fill out logbooks prior to completing each offload. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of harvest.

#### **Season and Area**

*Additional to those for clam and intertidal fisheries:*

Subtidal gaper clams may be taken by holders of a bay clam dive permit from January through June as incidental catch at a ratio of 25 pounds of gaper clams per 100 pounds of butter clams or one gaper clam per eight butter clams, whichever allows a greater incidental catch of gaper clams.

- Bay clams may be taken in Tillamook Bay under a Bay Clam Dive Permit except from the following areas:
  - a. The "Ghost Hole" from the floating toilet site south to Sandstone Point and 500 feet westward from the Highway 101 shoreline;
  - b. The area east of a line connecting the USCG tower on the north jetty, buoy marker 13 and Hobsonville Point; or
  - c. The area above mean lower low water near Kincheloe Point.
  - d. Unlawful to take subtidal cockle clams in Netarts Bay.
- Unlawful to take subtidal bay clams in Coos Bay from depths shallower than 10 feet mean lower low water; or the area of South Slough, south of the Charleston Bridge.

#### **Catch Limits**

In Tillamook Bay, the annual quotas for clams harvested by the bay clam dive fishery are 185,000 pounds for cockles, 225,000 pounds for butter clams, and 235,000 pounds for gaper clams.

#### **Size**

The minimum legal size of cockle clams taken from Tillamook Bay is 2-3/4 inches. The minimum legal size of cockle clams in all other bays is 2-1/4 inches.

## **OCEAN AND COLUMBIA RIVER DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-005-0400 through 635-005-0495)**

[Permit Fees: See page 11]

### **•Ocean Dungeness Crab Restricted Participation Permit**

Required in addition to a boat license to participate in the ocean and Columbia River Dungeness crab fishery. Prior year's permit renewable if crab permit fees were paid by December 31 of permit year. A Dungeness crab permit which is not renewed will lapse, and may not be renewed for subsequent years. Permit holders may transfer a permit to another person or vessel only if regulatory requirements are met.

A Dungeness crab permit is not required for vessels that are engaged solely in setting gear for a permitted vessel and which do not retrieve, retain or possess Dungeness crab.

### **Logbook**

The skipper of a boat fishing for Dungeness crab must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, completed prior to each landing according to the instructions therein. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of harvest.

### **Season**

It is unlawful to take, land, or possess Dungeness crab for commercial purposes from the Pacific Ocean or Columbia River from August 15 through 8:59 am December 1 (see Pacific Ocean definition page 12). It is illegal to place or leave pots in the ocean or Columbia River during the closed season except baited pots may be set up to 73 hours prior to the season opening. At the time of the hold inspection, the skipper must declare and certify on the Oregon hold inspection certification form the maximum number of pots that will be used in that season's fishery before fishing.

Season openings may be delayed beyond December 1 if preseason sampling indicates meat recovery criteria (24% south of Cascade Head and 23% north of Cascade Head) are not met or crab biotoxin testing results exceed federal Food and Drug Administration thresholds. In these events, emergency regulations will be adopted to establish season opening dates, areas, and any additional restrictions.

In the event of a delayed season opening for part of the Oregon coast, vessels electing to fish in the area with an earlier open date may not fish in an area with a delayed opening within the first 30 days after the delayed opening date. During hold inspections, vessels electing to fish in an area shall declare this area and be certified to have been free of crab on the day immediately before the declared fishing area opens.

### **Area**

- The ocean Dungeness crab fishery includes Pacific Ocean waters off Oregon and the Columbia River. Oregon ocean Dungeness crab permits are valid only in Oregon state waters and the Pacific Ocean in federal waters south of the Oregon/Washington border and north of the Oregon/California border, extending 200 nautical miles westward.
- From May 1 through August 14, it is unlawful to place, operate, or leave commercial Dungeness crab gear seaward of the 40 fathom depth contour, as defined by latitude and longitude at Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations Part 660 Section 71. Any commercial Dungeness crab gear found seaward of the 40 fathom depth contour during that time is considered derelict and may be retrieved per derelict gear regulations.

## **Gear**

For commercial purposes, it is unlawful to:

- Take Dungeness crab by any means other than crab pots or crab rings.
- Deploy or fish more crab gear than the amount of gear assigned by the crab gear allocation certificate.
- From May 1 through August 14, to deploy or fish more crab gear than 80% of the amount of gear assigned by the crab gear allocation certificate.
- To take Dungeness crab using any vessel other than the vessel designated on the crab gear allocation except to set gear or to retrieve derelict gear as allowed.
- Have Dungeness crab gear deployed in the Pacific Ocean or Columbia River for more than 14 days without making a landing of Dungeness crab.
- Use Dungeness crab gear with more line than is reasonably necessary to compensate for tides, currents, and weather.
- **Crab Pot Specifications**

It is unlawful to possess on a vessel, use, control, or operate any crab pots that are oversized, do not have adequate destruct mechanisms, or lack proper escape rings. Crab pots must not be larger than 13 cubic feet internal volume and must have no less than two circular escape ports of at least 4-1/4 inches (inside diameter) on top or side of pot (upper half only) and one of the following:

a. A single loop of untreated cotton not heavier than 120 thread size between pot lid tiedown hooks and the tiedown straps; or

b. Any modification of the wire mesh on the top or upper half of the side of the pot, secured with a single strand of untreated cotton not heavier than 120 thread size, which, when removed, will create a minimum opening of at least 5 inches in diameter and will meet the following:

(i) The minimum opening may have not more than a single wire mesh (described as a "V") that protrudes into the opening provided that mesh extends into the opening a distance of not more than 2.5 inches, as measured from the perimeter of the opening along either edge of the protruding wire mesh, to serve as an anchor for the securing cotton. The panel containing the opening and the wire mesh acting as an anchor for the securing cotton must be constructed of a single wire no greater than 0.050 inches in diameter; and

(ii) Cotton must not be wrapped multiple times around wire mesh, and may use no more than one knot securing the wire mesh at each end.

- **Buoy Tags and Gear Marking**

a. Each crab pot or ring used for the taking of crabs for commercial purposes must have attached to it a tag identifying the owner or the vessel from which the pots are operated.

b. Crab pot or ring buoys must be marked with a unique buoy brand number and buoy color(s) registered to the owner by ODFW and have an ODFW buoy tag attached to the buoy closest to the pot. Marks must be legible and permanent. Register by contacting ODFW License Services in Salem at (503) 947-6101.

c. From May 1 through August 14, crab pot or ring buoys must be marked with a secondary buoy tag securely attached to the buoy closest to the pot. The primary buoy tag must remain attached as above. The Department will issue, at cost, the amount of secondary buoy tags requested, up to 80% of the amount of gear assigned by the crab gear allocation certificate. Secondary buoy tags must be attached by May 1 but not before April 18<sup>th</sup>. Any crab gear found in the Pacific Ocean or Columbia River after May 1 without a secondary buoy tag is considered derelict and may be retrieved per derelict gear rules. To order secondary buoy tags call ODFW License Services in Salem at (503) 947-6101.

d. It is unlawful use crab gear in the Pacific Ocean or Columbia River with a line

mark that is required for any other US West Coast state or federal fishery. There is no line marking requirement for the Oregon Dungeness crab fishery at this time.

e. Lost buoy tags may only be replaced for catastrophic loss (loss of non-deployed gear due to a vessel being destroyed by fire, capsizing, or sinking) or if the Director finds that the loss was due to an extraordinary event, the loss was minimized by exercise of reasonable diligence, and reasonable efforts were taken to recover the lost tags and associated gear. For additional information call ODFW License Services in Salem at (503) 947-6101.

- **Derelict Gear**

No more than 25 derelict pots or rings may be on board a vessel between December 1 and the second Monday in June and no more than 50 between the second Monday in June and August 14. Between August 15 and October 31, there is no limit to the number of derelict pots or rings brought in. Immediately upon retrieval of derelict gear, the retrieving skipper must document in the retrieving vessel's logbook the date and time of gear retrieval, number of retrieved pots or rings, location of retrieval, and retrieved gear owner identification information; and any retrieved crab gear must be transported to shore during the same fishing trip that retrieval took place. Legal crab found in derelict gear may be retained by vessels with a valid ocean Dungeness crab permit in open areas and during open seasons. All gear retrieved under these regulations must be returned to the owner by law. There is also a Post-Season Derelict Gear Recovery Program that occurs every September to further incentivize getting any remaining derelict crab gear out of the ocean by allowing vessels with a derelict gear permit to keep or sell retrieved gear. For more information on the requirements of this program go to <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/shellfish/commercial/crab/psdgrp.asp>.

- **Gear Retrieval and Buoy Tag Waivers**

Waivers may be granted in the following circumstances:

- a. To allow one time retrieval of permitted Dungeness crab gear to shore by another crab permitted vessel if the vessel is incapacitated due to major mechanical failure or destroyed due to fire, capsizing, or sinking, or undue hardship has occurred.

- b. To allow a one-time change of buoy tags associated with a Dungeness crab permit transfer.

- c. To allow one time retrieval of permitted Dungeness crab gear to shore by another crab permitted vessel from August 1 through August 14.

To apply for waivers call ODFW License Services in Salem at (503) 947-6101.

## **Sex and Size**

Only male Dungeness crab 6-1/4 inches or larger may be taken or possessed. Measurement is a straight line or caliper measurement made directly in front of 10th anterolateral spine. Undersized or female crabs must be released unharmed in the fishing area within 15 minutes of capture in the ocean. Crab must be landed whole.

## **Trip Limit**

It is unlawful for any vessel to take, land, or possess more than 1,200 pounds of ocean and Columbia River Dungeness crab per week beginning the second Monday in June through August 14. For the purposes of this rule, "week" means 12:01 a.m. local time Monday through 12 midnight the following Sunday. Crabbers must keep copies of all landing receipts on board the vessel during this period.

## **BAY DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY**

### **(OAR 635-005-0500 through 635-005-0515)**

No specific permit is required; however commercial boat and individual license requirements still apply.

#### **Season and Area**

The Columbia River is excluded from the Bay Dungeness Crab Fishery; refer to Ocean Dungeness Crab Fishery. Unlawful to take from any bay: From January 1 through Labor Day; During December, if the adjacent ocean area is closed; From midnight Friday through midnight Sunday of any week; On all legal state and federal holidays; and Chetco River (**ORS 511.306**).

#### **Gear**

It is unlawful to use any gear other than crab rings, operate more than 15 crab rings from one vessel, or possess or use any crab ring which does not have a tag identifying the vessel or owner and at least one surface buoy marked with the vessel state registration number or federal documentation number in a visible, legible and permanent manner. A ring is any device that allows unrestricted entry or exit while fishing.

#### **Sex and Size**

Only male Dungeness crab 6-1/4 inches or larger may be taken or possessed. Measurement is a straight line or caliper measurement made directly in front of the 10th anterolateral spine. Undersized or female Dungeness crab must be released immediately. Crab must be landed whole.

## **RED ROCK; BOX; TANNER; AND OTHER CRAB FISHERIES**

### **(OAR 635-005-0520 through 635-005-0565)**

#### **•Commercial Shellfish Harvest Permit**

Permit required for harvest of red rock crabs in bays. It is unlawful to take red rock or box crab from the Pacific Ocean without first obtaining an Oregon Dungeness Crab Permit. Permits to land Tanner and box crab taken as incidental catch in trawl nets outside Oregon waters (beyond three miles) may be issued. Crew Member Licenses are not allowed for the Commercial Shellfish Harvest Permit.

#### **Logbook**

The skipper of a boat fishing for red rock, box, tanner or other crab species must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, according to the instructions therein. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of harvest.

#### **Season and Area**

It is unlawful to:

- Take Tanner, Oregon hair and scarlet king crab from November 1 until the opening of the next Dungeness crab season.
- Retain red rock and box crab when the Dungeness fishery is closed.
- Retain red rock crab in bays when bay Dungeness crab fishery is closed.
- Take Tanner, Oregon hair and scarlet king crab from the Pacific Ocean shoreward of the 40 fathom line.

## **Gear**

Except by special permit (**OAR 635-005-0540**), it is unlawful to take Tanner, Oregon hair, and scarlet king crab except by rings, pots, and crab longline gear. Crab pots and crab pot longline gear must comply with provisions of **OAR 635-005-0275**.

In the Pacific Ocean, crab rings and pots used to take red rock or box crab must comply with Dungeness crab rules.

In bays, only crab rings may be used: no more than 15 rings per boat. Crab buoys used in Tanner, Oregon hair, and scarlet king crab, must be inscribed with a buoy number issued by ODFW.

## **Sex and size**

There are no size or sex restrictions for taking red rock, box, Tanner, Oregon hair, or scarlet king crabs. However, these crabs may not be mutilated before landing such that their species cannot be determined.

## **OCEAN PINK SHRIMP FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-005-0575 through 635-005-0645)**

[Permit Fees: See page 11]

### **•Ocean Pink Shrimp Vessel Restricted Participation Permit**

Required in addition to a boat license to participate in the ocean pink shrimp fishery. Prior year's permit is renewable upon application and payment of fees.

**NOTE:** A boat license must be purchased prior to or at the time of permit renewal. Permit holders may transfer a permit to another person or vessel if statutory requirements are met.

## **Logbook**

The skipper of a boat, fishing for pink shrimp must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, according to the instructions therein. Logbook information is confidential.

## **Season**

April 1 through October 31. Shrimp legally landed north of the U.S.-Canada border may be processed in Oregon at any time.

## **Gear**

Trawl nets or pots only. Unlawful to fish with trawl gear unless a rigid grate bycatch reduction device with no openings between the bars exceeding 0.75 inches and meeting other specifications of **OAR 635-005-0630** is used in each net. Contact the ODFW Newport or Charleston office for details.

It is unlawful to fish with trawl gear unless footrope lighting devices that have been approved by ODFW are used in each net. A list of approved footrope lighting devices is available from ODFW. Footrope lighting devices must be operational, securely attached within 6 inches of the forward leading edge of the bottom panel of trawl netting, and each trawl net must have a minimum of five lighting devices spaced 4 feet apart in the central 16 feet of each net.

It is unlawful to land shrimp taken south of the Oregon-California border with nets having a mesh size of less than 1-3/8 inches between knots.



## **Vessel Monitoring System**

Required for any vessel that fishes with non-groundfish trawl gear in the EEZ. See page 14 for more information.

## **Incidental Catch Limit**

It is unlawful to land an incidental catch of groundfish in excess of 500 pounds per day(s) of fishing trip, not to exceed 1,500 pounds. Monthly sub-limits for lingcod and sablefish also apply. Amount of groundfish cannot exceed amount of pink shrimp. Unlawful to retain canary rockfish, yelloweye rockfish, or any species of thornyheads.

**Contact the ODFW Newport or Charleston office for current information.**

## **Maximum Count Per Pound**

It is unlawful to possess or land shrimp from any one trip or landing which exceeds an average count of 160 whole shrimp per pound. This rule does not apply to landing or possession of less than 3,000 pounds of shrimp.

To determine average count per pound when a landing exceeds 3,000 pounds of shrimp, one sample must be taken from each one thousand pounds up to a maximum requirement of twenty samples. The sampling unit shall consist of at least one pound of whole unbroken shrimp.

For the purpose of determining count per pound, "whole shrimp" and "whole unbroken shrimp" are defined as shrimp in which the body is substantially intact, including an identifiable carapace, abdomen, and telson (tail). It is not intended to require shrimp to have an unbroken rostrum, complete set of legs, antennae, or other appendages.

## **SPOT AND COONSTRIPE SHRIMP FISHERIES**

**(OAR 635-005-0650 through 635-005-0675)**

No specific permit is required; however, commercial boat and individual license requirements still apply.

## **Logbook**

The skipper of a boat fishing for spot or coonstripe shrimp must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, according to the instructions therein. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of landing.

## **Gear**

Pot or trap gear only, except trawls legal for pink shrimp and groundfish when those seasons are open. Entrance tunnels must be between 1.5 and 3 inches at widest point. Pots must have at least one escape panel with #21 or smaller untreated cotton in such a manner that an opening of at least 5 inches will result when twine deteriorates. Pots must be marked with at least one surface buoy that is marked with the vessel state registration number or federal documentation number in a visible, legible and permanent manner. Pots which are longlined must also be marked with a pole, flag, and radar reflector at each terminal end.

## **WEATHERVANE SCALLOP FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-005-0725 through 635-005-0785)**  
[Permit Fees: See page 11]

### **•Scallop Vessel Restricted Participation Permit**

Required in addition to a boat license for ocean scallop (weathervane scallop) fishing. Prior year's permit is renewable if vessel was used in prior year to land at least 5,000 pounds of food fish in Oregon. Permit holders may transfer a permit to another person or vessel only if statutory requirements are met.

### **Gear**

It is unlawful to take weathervane scallops for commercial purposes by any means other than trawl gear having 3-inch or larger mesh throughout.

## **SEA URCHIN AND SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-005-0790 through 635-005-0850)**  
[Permit Fees: See page 11]

### **•Sea Urchin and Sea Cucumber Restricted Participation Permit**

Individual restricted fishery permit required for each diver. Required in addition to a commercial fishing license for sea urchin or sea cucumber harvest. Prior year's permit is renewable if diver harvested 5,000 pounds of sea urchins or 500 pounds of sea cucumbers in the prior year. Permit must be renewed by January 31 of permit year.

### **Logbook**

Each diver harvesting sea urchins or sea cucumbers must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, according to the instructions therein. All divers shall fill out logbooks prior to completing each offload. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of harvest.

### **Season and Area**

Special harvesting permit required prior to harvesting purple urchins. Contact ODFW, Charleston for details. Sea urchins or sea cucumbers cannot be taken in water depths shallower than 10 feet at mean lower low water.

During the period May 1 through August 31, sea urchins or sea cucumbers may not be taken within specific buffer zone at Pyramid rock at Rogue Reef. During the period May 1 through October 31, sea urchins or sea cucumbers may not be taken at Orford Reef, defined as the area between the parallels of latitude 42° 49' N. and 42° 46' N.

Various other closed or restricted areas apply to commercial sea urchin/sea cucumber harvest. See Closed Areas on pages 47-53.

### **Size**

Red urchins must be 3-1/2 inches or larger in shell diameter (not including spines).

### **Other Requirements**

Use of any gas mixture other than atmospheric air for diving is prohibited when taking sea urchins or California sea cucumbers.

Other special regulations for vessel number display and amount of divers also apply. Contact ODFW, Charleston (541) 888-5515 for details.

## **SQUID FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-005-0915 through 635-005-0933)**

Directed commercial fishing is allowed for squid species in the orders Myopsida, Oegopsida and Sepioidea, including, but not limited to market squid and Humboldt squid. Some squid species in these orders are managed as Shared Ecosystem Component Species, for which landings restrictions apply (see page 14). Market squid are federally managed by the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan, and federal regulations apply. Fishers should consult the WCR coastal pelagic species website at: [\*\*www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/coastal-pelagic-species\*\*](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/coastal-pelagic-species)

### **Market Squid Harvest Guideline**

Prior to reaching a harvest of 4.5 million pounds of squid, with not more than 3 million pounds taken north or south of Heceta Head, ODFW will hold a public hearing to evaluate the fishery.

### **Logbook**

The skipper of a boat fishing for squid with any gear must keep an accurate and truthful log on ODFW forms, prior to completing each offload according to the instructions therein. Logbook information is confidential. It is unlawful to fail to submit logbook pages to ODFW within 10 days following the month of landing.

### **Pumping from Another Vessel's Seine**

It is unlawful for a commercial vessel to pump market squid onboard directly from the pursed seine of another vessel unless squid so received make up no more than 20% of each landing and the vessel receiving squid:

- Has lawfully deployed purse seine gear during the current year and pumped resultant catch onboard the same vessel for delivery to a port of landing or fish dealer in Oregon;
- Has onboard, in working order, legal seine gear capable of catching market squid including, but not limited to, seine net, skiff, and pumping gear; and
- Documents the vessel that made the set, any other vessel pumping squid from the pursed seine, and information on catch and location in the ODFW logbook.

### **Bycatch Restrictions**

All groundfish and salmon must be returned to the water immediately. Every effort must be made to dipnet salmon out of the seine net before they go through a pump system.

### **No Reduction Fishery Allowed**

No more than ten percent of a market squid landing may be used for conversion into fish flour, fish meal, fish scrap, fertilizer, fish oil, other fishery products or by-products for purposes other than human consumption or fishing bait. Exceptions to this rule may be granted due to unforeseen circumstances with written authorization by the ODFW Director.

## **RIVER FISHERIES**

### **CRAYFISH FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-005-0855 through 635-005-0885 and 635-056-0075(d)(A))**

#### **Season**

April 1 through October 31. Crayfish with eggs attached must be returned immediately unharmed to the water. Possession of crayfish with eggs attached is prohibited.

#### **Gear and Size Restriction**

Crayfish pots or rings are the only permissible gear. Crayfish must be at least 3-5/8 inches in length from tip of nose to tip of tail. All boats, traps, buoys, liveboxes, holding pens, boxes, bags, and other containers used to take, hold, or transport crayfish must be labeled with an ODFW issued brand number.

#### **Area**

Malheur Reservoir (Malheur County), South Twin Lake (Deschutes County), and the Williamson River (Klamath County) are closed to commercial harvest.

#### **Non-Native Crayfish**

Non-native crayfish may be harvested, possessed, and sold commercially pursuant to the crayfish fishery.

### **COASTAL RIVERS SHAD FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-004-0590 through 635-004-0600)**

#### **Season**

It is unlawful to take shad for commercial purposes from coastal rivers from 6 a.m. May 10 to 6 a.m. July 1 of each year.

#### **Area**

It is unlawful to take shad for commercial purposes from coastal rivers (see page 45 for Columbia River shad) except: Siuslaw, Umpqua, and Smith River, a tributary of the Umpqua River. In addition, the following areas of the Siuslaw, Umpqua, and Smith Rivers are closed:

- In the Siuslaw River; above a line across the river drawn at right angles to the thread of the stream at the lower end of the mouth or confluence of Morgan Creek with the Siuslaw River; and the North Fork of the Siuslaw River above the state highway bridge crossing the north fork between Cushman and Florence in Lane County; and Duncan Inlet or South Inlet or tributaries.
- In the Umpqua River, above the confluence of Mill Creek, outlet of Loon Lake with the Umpqua River in Douglas County.
- In the Smith River, above the confluence of the North Fork of the Smith River with the Smith River.

#### **Gear**

See OAR 635-004-0600 or contact the ODFW Southwest Regional Office, (541) 440-3353, for a copy.

## **COLUMBIA RIVER FISHERIES**

### **COLUMBIA RIVER ANCHOVY AND HERRING** **(OAR 635-042-0100)**

#### **Area**

Anchovies and herring may be taken for commercial purposes at any time in the Columbia River seaward of the Megler-Astoria Bridge.

#### **Gear**

Purse, lampara, and round haul seines of a mesh size not less than one-half inch and not over 1,400 feet in length. All other species taken in operation of such gear must immediately be returned to the water.

#### **Anchovy Landing Limits**

For any trips where fishing occurs inside of a north-south line drawn through Buoy 10 at the mouth of the river, it is unlawful to land more than 5 metric tons of anchovy per day or 10 metric tons per week (12:01 a.m. Sunday through 11:59 p.m. Saturday).

### **COLUMBIA RIVER CARP AND OTHER NONGAME FISH** **(OAR 635-042-0154)**

It is legal to fish commercially for carp and other nongame fish in the Columbia River only:

- With an approved permit issued by ODFW License Services at Salem Headquarters; or
- During open commercial fishing periods with gear authorized for those open fishing periods.

## **COLUMBIA RIVER NON-TREATY SALMON FISHERIES** **(OAR 635-042-0001 through 635-042-0180)**

#### **•Restricted Participation Permit Required**

[Permit Fees: See page 11]

Regulations for the Columbia River fisheries change frequently. Consult the latest Oregon Administrative Rules or Compact Action Notices covering these fisheries before fishing.

#### **•Columbia River Salmon Permit**

Required in addition to a boat license for commercial fishing for salmon in the Columbia River. No new permits are available. Prior year's permit is renewable if fees are paid by December 31 of the permit year. Permit holders may transfer a permit to another person or vessel only if statutory requirements are met. For more information, contact ODFW License Services in Salem at (503) 947-6101.

### **COLUMBIA RIVER SHAD FISHERY** **(OAR 635-042-0105)**

#### **Season**

During salmon seasons with gear authorized for taking salmon. See **OAR 635-042-0110** and **OAR 635-042-0115** for special shad seasons.

## **STURGEON FISHERY**

**(OAR 635-004-0630 through 635-004-0645, and 635-042-0133 through 0135)**

### **Season**

It is unlawful to take green sturgeon at all times and white sturgeon for commercial purposes except in the: Columbia River, during commercial fishing seasons when white sturgeon sales are authorized; Siuslaw, Coos, and Coquille rivers in the areas and during the times open to the taking of shad for commercial purposes; and Pacific Ocean at all times.

### **Gear**

It is unlawful to take white sturgeon for commercial purposes by any means other than the commercial fishing gear authorized in the fishing area in which the sturgeon are taken. When sales are authorized, white sturgeon may be taken for commercial purposes incidental to fishing for other target species and with legal gear designed for the target species.

### **Size Limit**

Sturgeon are measured from the tip of the nose to the fork in the tail (fork length). It is unlawful to take white sturgeon for commercial purposes which are less than 44 inches or more than 50 inches fork length. It is unlawful to remove the head or tail, or dress any sturgeon taken for commercial purposes prior to being received at the premises of a wholesale fish dealer.



## **MEASURING “FORK LENGTH”**

Length is measured as the shortest distance between the tip of the nose and the fork between the upper and lower lobes of the caudal fin (tail) while the fish lies on its side on a flat surface with its tail in a normal position.

## CLOSED AREAS

| <b>Coastal Area</b><br>(listed North to South)      | <b>Restrictions</b>                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>National Wildlife Refuges (Coastwide)</b>        | No trespass or disturbance of wildlife. All islands and rocks above mean high water (p. 52)         |
| <b>Columbia River Tributaries &amp; Sanctuaries</b> | No food fish (p. 47)                                                                                |
| <b>Willamette River</b>                             | No salmon, shad, etc (p. 47)                                                                        |
| <b>Haystack Rock Marine Garden</b>                  | No shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 51)                                                          |
| <b>Cape Falcon Marine Reserve</b>                   | Harvest restrictions (pp. 48)                                                                       |
| <b>Three Arch Rocks</b>                             | Closed within 500 ft. from 5/1 – 9/15 (p. 52)                                                       |
| <b>Netarts Bay Shellfish Preserve</b>               | No clams in posted areas (p. 50)                                                                    |
| <b>Cape Kiwanda Marine Garden</b>                   | No shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 51)                                                          |
| <b>Cascade Head Marine Reserve</b>                  | Harvest restrictions (p. 48)                                                                        |
| <b>Nestucca Bay</b>                                 | No food fish except shellfish (p. 47)                                                               |
| <b>Boiler Bay Research Reserve</b>                  | No commercial shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 52)                                               |
| <b>Pirate Cove Research Reserve</b>                 | No commercial shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 52)                                               |
| <b>Whale Cove Habitat Refuge</b>                    | No commercial marine fish, shellfish, or marine invertebrates (p. 52)                               |
| <b>Otter Rock Marine Garden</b>                     | No shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 51)                                                          |
| <b>Otter Rock Marine Reserve</b>                    | Harvest restrictions (p. 49)                                                                        |
| <b>Yaquina Head Marine Garden</b>                   | No shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 51)                                                          |
| <b>Yaquina Bay Shellfish Preserve</b>               | No clams in posted areas (p. 51)                                                                    |
| <b>Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve</b>                 | Harvest restrictions (p. 49)                                                                        |
| <b>Yachats Marine Garden</b>                        | No shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 51)                                                          |
| <b>Cape Perpetua Marine Garden</b>                  | No shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 51)                                                          |
| <b>Neptune State Park Research Reserve</b>          | No commercial shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 52)                                               |
| <b>Umpqua River</b>                                 | No sturgeon (p. 47)                                                                                 |
| <b>Gregory Point Research Reserve</b>               | No commercial shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 52)                                               |
| <b>Cape Arago Research Reserve</b>                  | No commercial shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 52)                                               |
| <b>Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve</b>                 | Harvest restrictions (p. 50)                                                                        |
| <b>Pyramid Rock</b>                                 | No commercial marine fish, shellfish, or marine invertebrates within 1000 ft. from 5/1-8/31 (p. 52) |
| <b>Rogue River</b>                                  | Shellfish only (p. 47)                                                                              |
| <b>Curry County Rivers</b>                          | No food fish (p. 47)                                                                                |
| <b>Brookings Research Reserve</b>                   | No commercial shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 52)                                               |
| <b>Harris Beach Marine Garden</b>                   | No shellfish, marine invertebrates (p. 51)                                                          |

## **AREAS CLOSED TO COMMERCIAL FISHING** **(ORS 511.106-511.806)**

In addition to closed seasons, the following waters are closed to commercial fishing:

- **Rogue River** — Closed to taking of all food fish except shellfish from Rogue River and its tributaries and within a radius of 1 mile from the center of the mouth of the Rogue River.
- **Curry County Rivers** — The following are closed to taking any food fish: Floras Creek, Hunters Creek, Sixes River, Pistol River, Elk River, Chetco River, Euchre Creek, and Winchuck River.
- **Umpqua River** — Unlawful to take sturgeon from the Umpqua River or any of its bays or tributaries.
- **Nestucca Bay** — Unlawful to take any food fish except shellfish from Nestucca Bay or any of its tributaries.
- **Willamette River** — Unlawful to take salmon, shad, striped bass, or sturgeon from the Willamette River or any of its tributaries or sloughs.
- **Columbia River** — Unlawful to take food fish in all tributaries of the Columbia River (except Select Area commercial fisheries in Youngs Bay/River and Blind Slough/Gnat Creek), as well as within several sanctuary areas designated in OAR 635-042-0005.

## **MARINE RESERVES AND MARINE PROTECTED AREAS** **(OAR 635-012)**

The following rules are true for all:

**Marine Reserves: Closed** to the take of any fish, invertebrates or wildlife species. Persons may have catch onboard while transiting or anchoring in the marine reserve area. Persons may take fish and wildlife species if authorized under a valid scientific taking permit. Fishing gear shall not be deployed in the water at any time within the marine reserve area, except as allowed under a valid scientific taking permit. Fishing gear may be removed from these areas provided the retrieving skipper notifies the Oregon State Police (1-800-452-7888) and receives permission in advance. No fish or wildlife species from the retrieved gear shall be retained. Specific to crab pots, the vessel operator may re-set pots belonging to the retrieving vessel outside of the reserve area. If the pots do not belong to the retrieving vessel, the vessel operator must follow the retrieval requirements set forth in the Derelict Dungeness Crab Gear rules described on page 38.

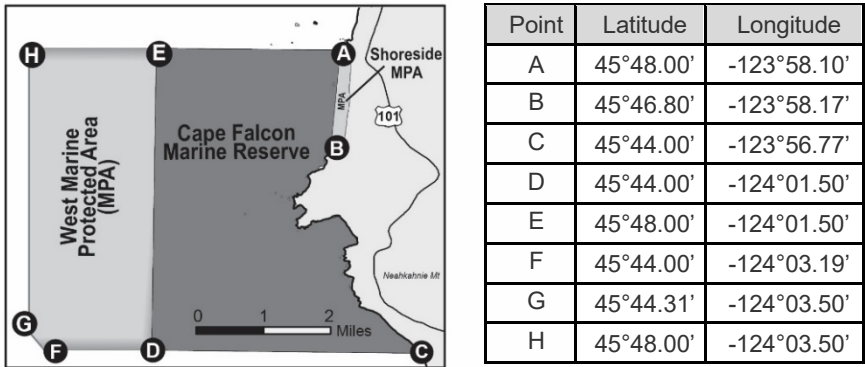
**Marine Protected Areas (MPAs):** It is unlawful to fish for or take any legal species in the MPA while possessing onboard any species not allowed to be taken in the MPA or Seabird Protection Area. For list of species and gear types prohibited/allowed, see specific area MPA rule summaries in the sections that follow.

The following are summaries of the commercial fishing rules for each Marine Reserve and MPA (sites are listed from north to south). This summary does not replace the official regulatory language found in OAR 635-012. Boundary coordinates can be downloaded for navigation systems online at: [oregonmarinereserves.com/rules](http://oregonmarinereserves.com/rules).



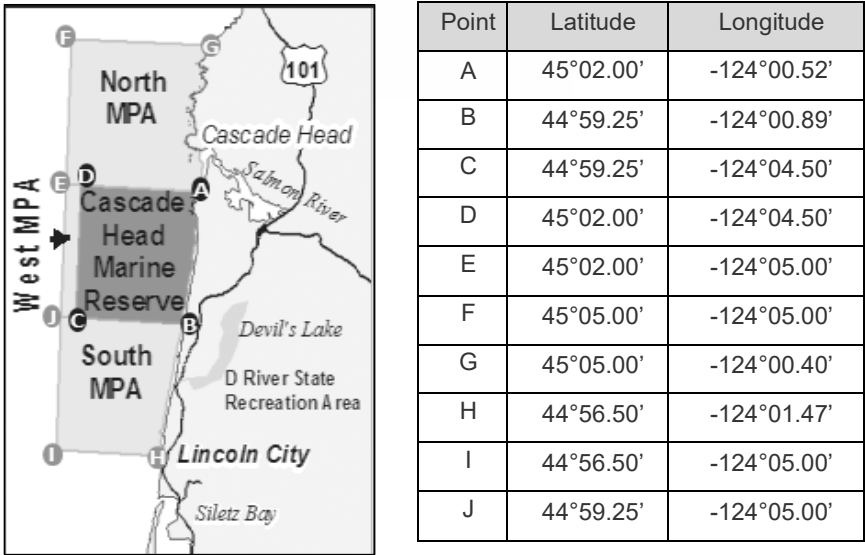
- Cape Falcon Marine Reserve and MPAs:**

- Marine Reserve:** Closed to all take. See previous description (p. 47).
- West MPA:** Take of salmon by troll and crab is allowed. All other take is prohibited.
- Shoreside MPA:** No commercial take.
- Shoreline Area:** Take above the low tide line is severely restricted along rocky shores south of the Shoreside MPA.



- Cascade Head Marine Reserve and MPAs:**

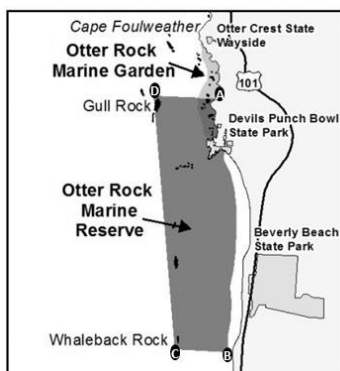
- Marine reserve:** Closed to all take. See previous description (p 47).
- North MPA:** Take of salmon by troll and crab is allowed. All other commercial take is prohibited.
- South MPA:** Use of net gear is prohibited. All other legal take is allowed.
- West MPA:** Take of salmon by troll and crab is allowed. All other take is prohibited.
- Shoreline Area:** Take above the low tide line is severely restricted in the North MPA and in the Marine Reserve from the Roads End Headland north.



- **Otter Rock Marine Reserve:**

**Marine Reserve:** Closed to all take. See previous description (p. 47)

**Shoreline Area:** Take above the low tide line is severely restricted in the Marine Reserve from the Devils Punchbowl north.



| Point | Latitude   | Longitude    |
|-------|------------|--------------|
| A     | 44 °45.17' | -124 °03.86' |
| B     | 44 °43.31' | -124 °03.66' |
| C     | 44 °43.31' | -124 °04.20' |
| D     | 44 °45.17' | -124 °04.53' |

- **Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve and MPAs:**

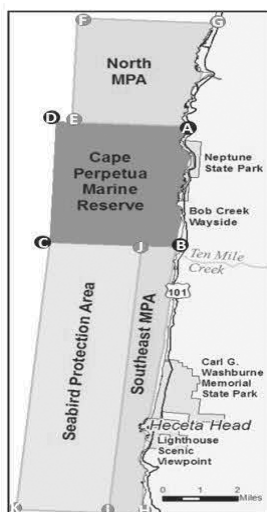
**Marine Reserve:** Closed to all take. See previous description (p. 47).

**North MPA:** Take of salmon by troll and crab is allowed. All other commercial take is prohibited.

**Southeast MPA:** Use of trawl gear is prohibited. Take of herring, sardine, anchovies, smelt, sand lance, mackerels and market squid is prohibited. All other legal take is allowed.

**Seabird Protection Area:** Take of herring, sardine, anchovies, smelt, mackerels and sand lance is prohibited. All other legal take is allowed.

**Shoreline Area:** Take above the low tide line is severely restricted along rocky shores in the North MPA and in the Marine Reserve from Bob Creek north.

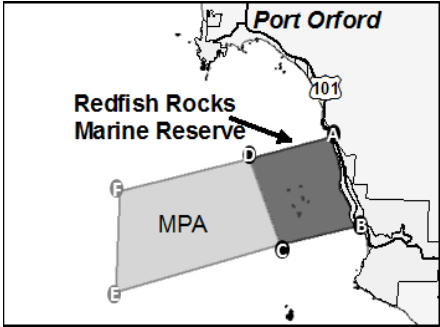


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|-------|-----------|-------------|
| A     | 44°17.00' | -124°06.73' |
| B     | 44°13.50' | -124°06.74' |
| C     | 44°13.50' | -124°11.00' |
| D     | 44°17.00' | -124°11.00' |
| E     | 44°17.00' | -124°10.50' |
| F     | 44°20.00' | -124°10.50' |
| G     | 44°20.00' | -124°06.04' |
| H     | 44°05.75' | -124°07.53' |
| I     | 44°05.75' | -124°08.60' |
| J     | 44°13.50' | -124°08.00' |
| K     | 44°05.75' | -124°11.62' |

• **Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve and MPA:**

**Marine Reserve:** Closed to all take. See previous description (p. 47).

**MPA:** Take of salmon by troll and crab is allowed. All other take is prohibited.

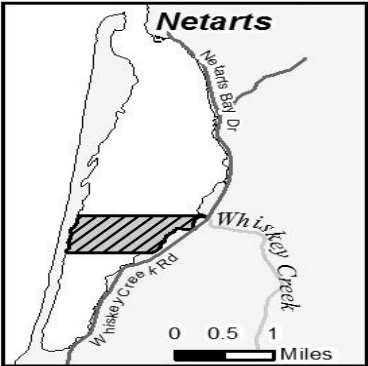


| Point | Latitude  | Longitude   |
|-------|-----------|-------------|
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| B     | 42°41.52' | -124°27.18' |
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| F     | 42°41.90' | -124°32.50' |

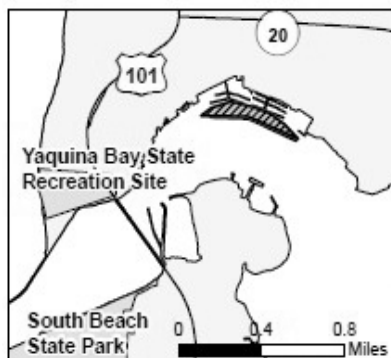
**SHELLFISH PRESERVES**

The following areas are **closed** to the take of clams:

- **Netarts Bay Shellfish Preserve** (Netarts) – That portion within an area of Netarts Bay bounded on the north by an east-west line extending from the mouth of Whiskey Creek (45° 23.68' N) and bounded on the south by an east-west line at 45° 24.71' N running parallel approximately 900 yards south of the northern boundary.



- **Yaquina Bay Shellfish Preserve** (Newport) – The intertidal area on the north side of the wood-piling breakwater, immediately south of the troller's basin.



## **MARINE GARDENS**

The following areas between extreme high tide and extreme low tide are **closed** to the commercial take of shellfish and marine invertebrates:

- **Haystack Rock Marine Garden** (Cannon Beach) – All areas lying within a 300-yard radius of the base of Haystack Rock.
- **Cape Kiwanda Marine Garden** (Pacific City) – All areas lying between the sand beach on the north and the sand beach on the south of Cape Kiwanda. Includes rocky areas abutting the sand beaches on the north and south sides of the headland.
- **Otter Rock Marine Garden** (north of Newport) – All areas lying between Cape Foulweather (Otter Rock State Wayside) on the north and Devil's Punchbowl on the south.
- **Yaquina Head Marine Garden** (north of Newport) – All areas lying between the sand beach on the north and the sand beach on the south of Yaquina Head.
- **Yachats Marine Garden** (Yachats) – All areas lying between the north and south boundaries of Yachats State Park.
- **Cape Perpetua Marine Garden** (south of Yachats) – All areas lying between the north side of Devil's Churn on the north and the northerly boundary of Neptune State Park on the south.
- **Harris Beach Marine Garden** (north of Brookings) – All areas lying between the Harris Beach State Park beach access parking area on the north and the road entrance to Harris Beach State Park off of Highway 101 on the south.

## **RESEARCH RESERVES**

The following areas are **closed** to the commercial take of shellfish and marine invertebrates:

- **Boiler Bay Intertidal Research Reserve** (Depoe Bay) – All areas between extreme high and extreme low tide lying from the mouth of Fogarty Creek on the north, to the western-most tip of Government Point at Boiler Bay State Wayside on the south.
- **Pirate Cove Research Reserve** (Depoe Bay) – All areas in Pirate Cove below extreme high tide east of a line drawn across the mouth of the cove.
- **Neptune State Park Intertidal Research Reserve** (south of Yachats) – All areas between extreme high tide and extreme low tide lying between the northerly and southerly boundaries of the northern parcel of Neptune State Park.
- **Gregory Point Subtidal Research Reserve** (west of Charleston) – All subtidal areas within reserve boundaries below extreme low tide.
- **Cape Arago Intertidal Research Reserve** (southwest of Charleston) - All areas between extreme high tide and extreme low tide lying between a line projected due west from the Cape Arago lighthouse and a point 3/4 mile south of Cape Arago State Park.
- **Brookings Intertidal Research Reserve** (Brookings) – All areas between extreme high tide and extreme low tide lying between a point 1/2 mile north of Harris Beach State Park on the north, and the mouth of the Chetco River on the south (except that portion of the area within the Harris Beach Marine Gardens).

## **HABITAT REFUGE**

The following area is **closed** to the commercial take of marine fish, shellfish, and marine invertebrates:

- **Whale Cove Habitat Refuge** (south of Depoe Bay) – All areas in Whale Cove below extreme high tide east of a line drawn across the mouth of the cove.

## **OTHER CLOSURES**

- **Pyramid Rock** (Rogue Reef) – Closed to take of marine fish, shellfish, and marine invertebrates from 1000 feet around and including Pyramid Rock from May 1 through August 31.
- **Three Arch Rocks** (seaward of Oceanside) – Closed to boats 500 feet around the main rocks May 1- September 15 by authority of the OSMB.
- All of the islands and rocks exposed above mean high water along the Oregon coast are within the **Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge** or **Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuges** administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Trespassing is prohibited at all times. In addition, any disturbance of wildlife or the refuge from activities near the refuge rocks is also a violation of Federal laws. For more information, contact the Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Manager at (541) 867-4550.



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**Transportation Report for Commercially Caught Fish and Shellfish**

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