



## **COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB GEAR REMOVAL PERMIT**

This permit, when issued by WDFW to a coastal commercial Dungeness crab license owner, allows for the recovery and retention of commercial Dungeness crab gear owned by Washington state licensed fishermen in the specified areas and at times outlined below. Failure of the license owner or alternate operator to abide by the terms of this permit will result in immediate termination of the provisions authorized.

- Recovery operations are restricted to the waters between 46°15 North Latitude and the Washington-Canada border.
- This permit must be on-board the vessel at any time that crab pot recovery work is being conducted or anytime that crab pots that do not belong to the license owner are on board.
- WDFW staff must be notified 24-hours prior to the vessel leaving the dock and at least 2-hours prior to returning to the dock following a gear recovery operation even if no gear was recovered during the trip. Notification can be made by calling 360-581-3337.
- All pots recovered during permitted gear recovery must remain on the vessel and remain in the condition it was recovered until the gear is registered and tagged by WDFW. Tampering with recovered gear, including removing pot tags, buoys or other markings prior to registering the gear will result in termination of this permit.
- Accurate and complete data records must be collected and provided to the Department upon returning with recovered gear.
- It is unlawful to retain crab during the closed season, WAC 220-52-040, all crab caught must be immediately returned to the ocean.



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Permit Valid Dates	October 1-31, 2009
License Owner	
Vessel Operator	
Alternate Operator	
Vessel Name	
Geographic Restrictions	
Permit Authorized by	

*I understand and agree to abide by the terms of this permit and acknowledge that failure to do so will result in immediate termination of the provisions of this permit.*

Signature (license owner) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (alternate operator) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_