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New Recreational Crab Gear Marking Rule



The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
has adopted the following rule:

Effective **January 1, 2020**, surface buoys used to mark recreational crab pots or rings must be marked in a visible, legible, and permanent manner with information clearly identifying the **owner** of the crab pots or rings. The identifying information must include first and last name or business name AND at least one of the following:

- (a) Permanent address;
- (b) Phone number;
- (c) Angler Identification number; or
- (d) A vessel identification number.

**Mark your buoys used
with pots or rings in
the ocean and bays.**

**Rule does not apply to gear
from piers, jetties, or beaches.**



Until now, Oregon was the only west coast state that did not have a rule requiring marked buoys.

Marked buoys helps managers identify which fisheries are involved in whale entanglements and aid in the recovery of lost gear.

While other aspects of crab gear are not required by rule, ODFW strongly encourages the use of sinking line, durable buoys, escape rings, and destruct mechanisms like untreated cotton line.

Always check the ODA Shellfish Hotline before crabbing: 800-448-2474

For more info:

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