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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

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Dear Washington Coastal Commercial Dungeness Crab License holders,

With the 2020-21 season, we will be implementing a new step in the procedure to renew your commercial crab license.

You will need to submit a digital photograph of your buoy set-up at the time (or before) applying for your new license. This will be required each time you renew or transfer a license.

This photo must be a close-up that is clear with the buoy brand and colors easily visible. In the photo must also be a separate piece of paper listing the license number and the vessel name. The photo can be taken with your cell phone and easily transmitted by attaching your photo in an email to our licensing office (please do not paste your photo into the body of an email). Send the email using the address CommercialSales@dfw.wa.gov . If you have trouble transmitting a photo, please contact Robert Morgan for assistance at. 360-480-8596.

State law [WAC 220-340-430 \(5c\)](#) has long required a photo of each license's buoy be provided to WDFW. In the past our staff has tried to collect these photos during hold inspections. However, our catalogue of photos is still missing a large portion of the fleet. In addition, licenses are often moved to a new vessel with new gear, making our buoy set-up photographs out-of-date.