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WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

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BUOY COLOR REGISTRATION

The purpose of this notice is to remind coastal Dungeness crab license holders of the buoy color registration requirements. Having an accurate database of unique buoy colors used by Washington crab fishers is very important to the management of this fishery.

A license holder **must** register only one unique buoy color scheme with the department per license. Persons holding more than one state license must register buoy color(s) for each license that are distinctly different ([WAC 220-340-430](#) section 5d).

In an effort to update our buoy color database and verify that we have current photos on file, we have created a survey for fishers to use to register and submit photos of your unique buoy color schemes. Regardless of whether you have submitted buoys photos to the department in the past, we are requiring **ALL** fishers/license holders to complete the survey prior to the start of the 2022-23 season.

The survey requires you to use a smartphone in order to take photos of your buoys. It does not allow for picture files to be uploaded from your computer. To access the survey on your phone and register your buoys, click [here](#) to visit the website or scan the QR code. If you do not have a smartphone or are unable to complete the survey on your own, department staff will be available to assist you. Contact Jamie Fuller at 360-580-0875 or Jamie.Fuller@dfw.wa.gov to set up a to time for us to assist you.



If you have not registered your buoys with the department in the past, please contact Jamie Fuller prior to submitting your information to verify that your color scheme is not already registered to another license.

As a reminder, your buoy registration is linked to the license number **NOT** the vessel. **If your vessel transfers licenses mid-season you will need to reregister your color scheme through the survey above for the new license number.**