



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE

Salem, Oregon 97302

COMMERCIAL CRAYFISH INFORMATION

General Requirements

It is illegal to sell or purchase recreationally caught crayfish (or any other fish or shellfish).

It is illegal to sell commercially caught crayfish (or any other fish or shellfish) to anyone other than a wholesale fish dealer or wholesale bait dealer. Wholesale dealers must have a license and fish tickets. All commercially caught fish and shellfish must be recorded on a fish ticket.

The county and water body in which you caught crayfish must be recorded by the fish dealer on the fish ticket. Please keep crayfish caught in different counties and water bodies separated for accurate reporting on the fish tickets.

Licenses Required

Individual Commercial Fishing License - required for sale of crayfish to a wholesale fish dealer for human consumption or to a wholesale bait dealer as bait. Cost: Resident - \$102; Non-resident - \$152.
or

Individual Commercial Bait License - requires sale of crayfish as bait to a wholesale bait dealer only. Cost: Resident \$127 and Non-resident - \$177.

Crayfish Gear Identification Numbers - Required on all gear used for commercial crayfish. No cost. (See contact info below.)

Rules Specific to Crayfish

See page two.

Contact Names and Phone Numbers:

General Licensing Requirements - call *Licensing* at: 503-947-6101.

Wholesale Dealer License Requirements - call *Licensing* at: 503-947-6101.

Commercial Dealer Bonding Requirements - call *Fiscal* at: 503-947-6183.

Crayfish Biology/Management - call your *local Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife office*.

Crayfish Gear Identification Numbers - call *Fish division* at: 503-947-6247.



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OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES ON COMMERCIAL CRAYFISH

635-005-0860 Closed Season

It is unlawful to take crayfish for commercial purposes from November 1 of any year through March 31 of the following year.

635-005-0865 Fishing Gear

It is unlawful to take crayfish for commercial purposes by any means other than crawfish pots or ring nets.

635-005-0870 Size Limit

It is unlawful to take for commercial purposes crayfish which are less than $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches long. Crayfish will be measured from the tip of the bony spine extending between and beyond the eyes (acumen) to the distal edge of the last bony plate in the tail (telson). Any undersized crayfish taken must be immediately returned unharmed to the water.

635-005-0875 Protection of Females

Any crayfish taken with eggs attached must be returned immediately unharmed to the water. Possession of crayfish with eggs attached is prohibited.

635-005-0880 Identification of Gear

All boats, traps, buoys, liveboxes, holding pens, boxes, bags, or other containers used to take, hold, or transport crayfish must be labeled with an identification number issued by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

635-005-0885 Closed Area

It is unlawful to take crayfish for commercial purposes from Malheur Reservoir (Malheur County), South Twin Lake (Deschutes County), and the Williamson River (Klamath County).