

Dear WA coastal Dungeness crab fishers,

The 2026 West Coast Marine Mammal Authorization Certificate is now available on the NOAA website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/marine-mammal-protection/marine-mammals-west-coast-fisheries-interactions>

All vessels participating in the WA coastal Dungeness crab fishery are required to have a copy of this certificate on board the vessel during commercial fishing operations. As part of this authorization, **you are required to file a report with NOAA Fisheries within 48 hours** of an incidental interaction with a marine mammal.

For your convenience, a copy of the 2026 MMAP certificate is attached. **It is the responsibility of each vessel operator to make sure a copy of this certificate gets printed and is on board the vessel.**

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