



## **Local Commercial Fishing Equipment Supplier Comments On Crab Season's Rough Start In 2020**

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Seattle Marine Bellingham notes that the start of crab season in the new year continues to bring new obstacles as the adverse weather conditions challenge fishing boats heading out to sea. Despite the delay established by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, only a few of the larger ships were able to make it out to the open seas so far, all of which sailed early in the morning before conditions took a turn for the worse. Many others have had to delay departure until the stormy weather passed and more favorable conditions were present, though even those who have sailed out are now facing a waiting game.

Despite all of these setbacks and challenges, the new crab season still began earlier than it did in 2018, though whether or not it will deliver similar results is yet to be seen.

The past few years have shown a trend in both delays and other truncation at the beginning of the crab season, though this has not had a significant effect on crab yield. The 2018 season had one of the highest yields to date despite having its start delayed significantly, with 18.7 million pounds of Dungeness crab. Such an outstanding haul was estimated to contribute more than \$150 million to the state's economy.

The consequences of delaying the season only seems to affect the fishing crews themselves, who will have to wait longer before they start to see new checks coming in. Other businesses that rely on the fishing industry to survive also take a significant hit whenever a new season is delayed, hurting the state's economy as a whole. This goes on until weather conditions improve, Notably, this turn of events has also affected recreational crabbers who find their haul in local bays.

A report published on the KOIN O6 online news site further emphasizes this. The report includes an interview with Steve Graves, a recreational angler, who says, "I think the bar crossing?s pretty extreme. I can't even begin to imagine the conditions they must be facing out there, as just being in the bay is pretty rough. I would certainly not want to be on one of those boats.?"

As providers for commercial fishing supplies & marine equipment, Seattle Marine encourages fishermen across the state to double-check their equipment and make sure that everything is in order for when the weather smooths out, as missing equipment can be as great a setback than bad weather. They can also assert the fishing community that they have crabbing gear and accessories of the highest quality at all of their locations. This includes accessories such as knife sheaths, webs, corks, leadlines, twines and "Little Vicky" knives, which are known among locals as the handiest pieces of equipment in commercial fishing boats.

The company's website includes further information on the products sold by Seattle Marine & Fishing Supply Co. Interested parties may reach out to the company?s customer support team to follow up on any further inquiries regarding stock.

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