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Crabbing fleet lands \$12.9 million in Charleston

How much does the crabbing industry boost Charleston and the Coos Bay/North Bend economies?

The Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission reported a stellar 2009-10 season that ended Aug. 14. In all, boats landed more than 6.7 million pounds in Charleston at an average price of \$1.93 per pound. That translated into \$12,947,723 in value. Add a conservative economic multiplier of 2 and it's had a nearly \$26 million impact locally.

Crab landings in Charleston came in second statewide only to Newport, where landings totaled 6.8 million pounds. Commercial crab season typically opens December 1, and it rates as Oregon's highest producing single-species fishery.

Recreational crabbing is open year-round in Coos Bay and from the docks in Charleston. People 14 years old and older are required to purchase a shellfish license, which is available at local sporting goods stores, tackle shops and the Oregon Department of Wildlife office in Charleston.

To learn more about the statewide season landings and the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, go to <http://www.oregondungeness.org/>.

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