



## **Snohomish County**

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## **Marine Resources Committee launches Instagram photo contest #CatchMoreCrabSnoCo**

EVERETT, WA – Snohomish County Surface Water Management announces a summer photo contest to promote best-crabbing practices.

Are you a recreational crabber? Do you like to take photos? Enter your photos in the #CatchMoreCrabSnoCo Instagram contest to win crabbing-related prizes! It's simple: upload your photos to Instagram and add #CatchMoreCrabSnoCo to your caption. Drawings will be held every two weeks throughout the summer crabbing season. Don't have Instagram? Check the Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee website ([www.snocomrc.org](http://www.snocomrc.org)) for how to send photos via mail or email.

In Puget Sound, an estimated 12,000 crab pots are lost each year. A single lost crab pot without escape cord can trap and kill up to 30 harvestable crabs until deterioration. The Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee (MRC) is working to reduce the number of recreational crab pots lost in Snohomish County marine waters by promoting best-crabbing practices. Use these tips to keep your crab pot and catch more crab:

- Add weight to your pot
- Know if tide is rising or falling
- Know direction of the current
- Use longer line
- Add a high-visibility buoy
- Avoid high-traffic areas
- Watch your pots
- Use weighted line.

Summer recreational crabbing season is scheduled to open July 2, 2015, in Snohomish County marine areas. Snohomish County MRC staff and members will be at the Everett 10<sup>th</sup> Street boat launch to distribute information about the contest on opening day. Check the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website for up-to-date information on crabbing rules and regulations.

### **About Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee**

The MRC's goal is to understand, steward, and restore the marine and estuarine ecology of the county. Appointed local citizens use science-based information to develop projects and help shape local and regional marine conservation policy. MRC members harness the dedication, creativity, and wisdom of county residents to complement ongoing government efforts to protect and manage our marine resources. There are seven MRCs in the Northwest Straits region of the Puget Sound. For more information, visit [www.snocomrc.org](http://www.snocomrc.org).

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