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Derek Klein, left, and Chase Laur inspect a Dungeness crab caught off the 12th Street bridge in Seaside. It was a female, so they had to toss it back.

# CATCHING THEIR OWN CRAB

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Consumers can see the sweet, sweet meat of Dungeness crab on local menus or buy it in local seafood markets. But, some people prefer to catch their own. A prime spot for recreational crabbing can be found in Seaside off the 12th Street bridge — if you're lucky, the crab in the trap will be male and over the legal size to keep.



From left: Gary, Grant and Rosco Auxier bait their crab trap during the recreational season in Seaside.



Rosco and Gary Auxier check to see if their trap has caught any crab off the 12th Street bridge in Seaside.



The 12th Street bridge in Seaside is a popular spot for recreational crab fishing.



Chase Laur, left, and Derek Klein toss a crab trap into the waters off the 12th Street bridge in Seaside.



From left: Grant, Gary and Rosco Auxier lower a crab trap into the waters of the Necanicum River.