More crab boats drop anchors amid West Coast price dispute

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Dungeness crab could be harder to come by if hundreds of fishing boats remain tied up at docks from California to Washington state by a dispute between crabbers and seafood processors over the price of the sought-after crustaceans.

Crab fleets that have been fishing in parts of Oregon and near San Francisco are now anchored, and other vessels in Washington state and Northern California have opted not to go out as their season gears up, said John Corbin, a commercial crab fisherman in Warrenton, Oregon, and chairman of the Oregon Dungeness Crab

"We have about 1,200 boats that are tied up and are willing to stay tied up until processors bring the price back to \$3 (a pound)" from the latest offer of \$2.75, Corbin said Tuesday.

At Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, crab pots remained stacked up along the docks during what typically would be a busy season. From Half Moon Bay, California, to Westport, Washington, crabbers said they would stay put.

Larry Andre, a commercial crab fisherman in Half Moon Bay who had been fishing since November, said he supports the strike.

"We're tying up because they've asked us — other ports -to support them," Andre said.

It doesn't sound like much, but a quarter drop in price is a lot when thousands of pounds of crab is involved, he said, adding that the situation is a lot harder on those who have not yet started crabbing.

The commercial Dungeness



Crab pots sit on a processing pier and the back of a boat at Fisherman's Wharf Tuesday in San Francisco. Dungeness crab could be harder to come by if fishers from Canada to Northern California continue their strike over the purchase price.

crab season along the West Coast opened in waves this year, and crabbers had been getting \$3 a pound, Corbin and other fishermen said. In some parts of Washington, Oregon and California, crabbing was delayed as state officials tested for domoic acid to ensure crabs were safe to eat.

Just before Christmas, Pacific Choice Seafood in Eureka, California, dropped the price to \$2.75 a pound to local fishermen, said Ken Bates, vice president of the Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association. Dungeness prices could go lower in following seasons if that lower price holds,

"When Pacific Group decided in Humboldt County to reduce the price, they figured that this place would fold," Bates said. "It didn't. Fisherman didn't go fishing for that

Dan Occhipinti, general counsel for Oregon-based Pacific Seafood, which owns Pacific Choice, said in an emailed statement Wednesday buyers and sellers each have to decide what they think the market will support.

"It can be challenging to find the right balance, but we're confident that at the end of the day, consumers will get wholesome, sustainably harvested Dungeness crab at a price they can afford," he

Strikes have happened before as Dungeness crab fishermen and seafood processers haggle over the opening price of the sweet crustacean. It remains unclear what impact it will have on supply.

Tribal fleets in Washington state continue to crab, and crabbing is happening in Puget Sound as well. So there is some crab on the

Police ID officers involved in fatal Bend shooting

BEND (AP) — Oregon State Police officials have identified the Bend officers involved in a fatal shooting during a traffic stop.

Officers Scott Schaier and Marc Tisher pulled over Michael Jacques for driving erratically on Dec. 23, OSP said, and one or both officers deployed a Taser and Schaier fired

Police are not releasing details on how many shots were fired, how many hit the 31-year-old Jacques, what Jacques did to escalate the situation or what the officers did to try to de-escalate it, reported The Bend Bulletin.

Bend Police Chief Jim Porter declined to comment on the specifics of the case but said the investigation hasn't turned up anything worrisome so far. He said both officers have a good history with the department.

"I'm not worried about the facts of the case," Porter said. "I have no concerns about the facts of the

The officers weren't formally interviewed with investigators until six days after the shooting. Department policy provides officers

48 hours between a shooting and an interview about the incident.

Portland Police recently did away with a similar rule as part of a settlement with the U.S. Depart-

ment of Justice. Porter said some people believe that a good night's sleep and a meal will improve officers' ability to recall events.

University of Oregon law professor Carrie Leonetti countered that that theory "flies in the face" of nearly all social science research. Leonetti said via email that there are studies that claim the delay enhances accuracy, but questioned their validity.

"They are widely criticized as lacking good methodology, because they were conducted by people with ties to law enforcement and lack any meaningful peer review of their findings," Leonetti wrote.

Despite the 48-hour rule, Porter said officers did do an initial interview with on-scene investigators to go over the basics of what happened like whether they fired their weapons, how many times they shot and if there was a weapon on scene that needed to be accounted for.

Early 2017 snowstorm pounds southern, central Oregon

MEDFORD (AP) — A major winter storm slammed Medford with its snowiest day in nearly a

More than 8 inches fell at the local airport from midnight Monday to midnight Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service. The only day with more snow was Dec. 11, 1919, when 11 inches fell.

The Mail Tribune reports up to 3 additional inches could fall Wednesday morning in Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass, and up to 18 more inches could fall higher up along the Siskiyou Pass and around Crater Lake. Rogue Valley residents should see some clearing by afternoon as the system moves

Interstate 5 remained closed Wednesday morning near the California state line because of dangerous driving conditions in Northern California on the Anderson Grade, which spans between the Klamath River and Yreka, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation. ODOT road cameras show long lines of commercial trucks parked on the shoulder. Pacific Power said more than

6,000 customers in Rogue River,

Selma, Kerby and Cave Junction remained without power following the storm. Along with school closures, all state offices are closed in Jackson

and Josephine counties. School and state agencies are also closed throughout central and

south-central Oregon. KTVZ reports that a National

Weather Service spotter northwest of Terrebonne reported a foot of new snow overnight and three-foot snow drifts early Wednesday. A weather spotter southeast of Bend reported 8 new inches and also had three-foot drifts as snow continued

Corrections

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Girl, 8, killed when tree crashes into home

OTIS (AP) — High winds toppled a towering evergreen tree onto a house near the Oregon coast, killing an 8-year-old girl who was inside, authorities said Wednesday.

Zaylee Schlect was taken to a hospital, but she could not be saved. The girl's father, a volunteer firefighter, was working Tuesday and responded with other crews to the 11:15 p.m. call in the town of Otis that a girl was trapped.

About 18 firefighters cut limbs with chain saws and pulled them away to free Zaylee. She had been sleeping in her bedroom that she shares with her younger sister, who was not injured, when the tree smashed into the one-story home. Zaylee's two younger brothers and her mother were also in the home and were not injured, Capt. Jim Kusz of North Lincoln Fire & Rescue said in a statement. Red Cross volunteers assisted the family with temporary housing.

Kusz said he estimated the tree to be around 70 feet high and 42 inches across. He said it was downed by high winds that also brought down power lines and other smaller trees in the area.

"We had very high winds here last night, and snow on the coast, which is a very rare event," Kusz said over the phone.

Pam Farrar told KGW-TV said she heard the crash and then people screaming to call 911. She tearfully told the station she feels bad because she told a little girl her sister was going to be OK.

The winter storm downed trees throughout the state on Tuesday.

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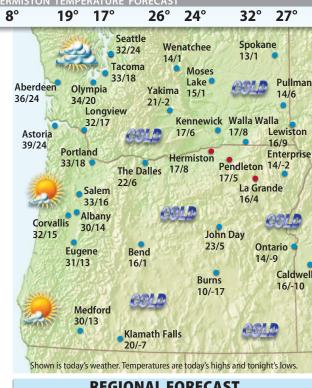
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REGIONAL FORECAST Coastal Oregon: Mostly sunny and chilly

today. Cold tonight; clear, but partly cloudy in the south Eastern and Central Oregon: Very cold today with clouds and sun.

Western Washington: Sunshine mixing

with clouds today.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Cascades: Mostly sunny today, Frigid in the south; not as cold in central parts. Frigid

Northern California: Cold today. A snow shower in the interior mountains; mostly sunny elsewhere.

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Bend	16	1	рс	25	8	S
Brookings	43	26	S	44	37	рс
Burns	10	-17	рс	7	-15	S
Enterprise	14	-2	рс	17	5	S
Eugene	31	13	S	35	22	рс
Heppner	15	4	рс	23	5	S
Hermiston	17	8	рс	21	8	S
John Day	23	5	рс	26	11	S
Klamath Falls	20	-7	S	22	8	рс
La Grande	16	4	рс	17	9	S
Meacham	16	4	рс	17	8	S
Medford	30	13	S	32	26	S
Newport	37	24	S	42	30	C
North Bend	42	24	S	45	33	рс
Ontario	14	-9	рс	5	-9	S
Pasco	21	5	рс	20	4	S
Pendleton	17	5	рс	23	5	S
Portland	33	18	S	35	23	рс
Redmond	18	-6	рс	24	4	S
Salem	33	16	S	34	22	рс
Spokane	13	1	рс	16	2	рс
Ukiah	16	-1	рс	22	6	S
Vancouver	33	15	S	34	23	рс
Walla Walla	17	8	рс	24	11	S
Yakima	21	-2	S	18	1	рс

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Mexico City	78	48	рс		78	49	рс		
Moscow	21	-4	sn		-1	-10	sn		
Paris	42	24	S		33	27	рс		
Rome	51	26	S		40	25	S		
Seoul	50	30	рс		48	30	рс		
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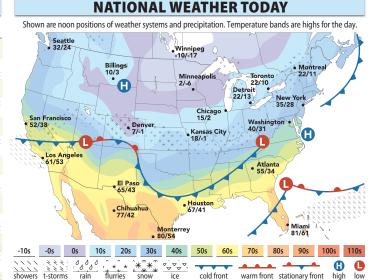
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National Summary: As lake-effect snow continues to the lee of the Great Lakes, a stripe of snow will extend from the central Rockies to the central Plains and the Ohio Valley today. Rain showers will slowly leave California.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) Low -26° in Fosston, Minn. High 86° in Marathon, Fla.

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Birmingham	53	31 pc	36	23	C	Nashville	36	21	C	28	16	
Boise	14	-7 pc	8	-7	рс	New Orleans	65		рс	50	33	sh
Boston	36	27 pc	32	22	sn	New York City	35	28	рс	34	24	sn
Charleston, SC	61	44 pc	61	38	C	Oklahoma City	30	17	C	25	10	sn
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Chicago	15	2 c	13	7	рс	Philadelphia	37		рс	37		рс
Cleveland	24	16 sn	21	12	C	Phoenix	66		S	66	47	S
Dallas	42	25 pc	34	19	C	Portland, ME	33	18	S	30	10	C
Denver	7	-1 sn	22	0	S	Providence	36	24	рс	35	19	sn
Detroit	22	13 sf	20	11	рс	Raleigh	50	35	рс	44	25	C
El Paso	65	43 s	62	32	рс	Rapid City	5	-7	рс	18	-10	C
Fairbanks	21	-23 sn	-17	-25	S	Reno	36	16	sn	32	24	S
Fargo	-5	-13 c	4	-13	C	Sacramento	51	30	рс	49	40	рс
Honolulu	78	62 s	79	63	S	St. Louis	21	10	sn	21	11	S
Houston	67	41 c	45	31	C	Salt Lake City	19	6	C	15	4	S
Indianapolis	22	9 sn	17	7	рс	San Diego	63	56	sh	64	52	рс
Jacksonville	71	46 pc	70	51	c	San Francisco	52	38	рс	50	46	рс
Kansas City	18	-1 c	18	8	S	Seattle	32	24	рс	39	27	c
Las Vegas ´	65	42 pc	52	37	S	Tucson	68	47	S	65	42	рс
Little Rock	38	23 c	30	17	sn	Washington, DC	40	31	рс	38	23	рс
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