

**Enrolled**  
**House Joint Resolution 37**

Sponsored by Representatives BRUUN, COWAN; Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, BARTON, BENTZ, BERGER, BEYER, BOONE, CANNON, DEMBROW, D EDWARDS, ESQUIVEL, FREEMAN, GARRARD, GILLIAM, GILMAN, HANNA, HARKER, HOLVEY, HUFFMAN, JENSON, KENNEMER, KOMP, KOTEK, KRIEGER, MAURER, NATHANSON, NOLAN, OLSON, READ, RICHARDSON, RILEY, ROBLAN, SCHAUFLEER, SHIELDS, G SMITH, J SMITH, SPRENGER, STIEGLER, THATCHER, THOMPSON, TOMEI, WHISNANT, WINGARD, Senators BONAMICI, BOQUIST, DEVLIN, MONNES ANDERSON, MORSE, STARR, VERGER (at the request of Students of Sunset Primary in West Linn)

Whereas the Dungeness crab fishery is the most valuable single-species fishery in Oregon, making Dungeness crab an important part of Oregon's economy; and

Whereas the Dungeness crab is an iconic Oregon symbol; and

Whereas the Dungeness crab is the most delicious of the crab species; and

Whereas the Dungeness crab annual harvest begins each year on December 1, when Dungeness crabs are hard-shelled, full of meat and in their prime; and

Whereas the Dungeness crab harvest ends on August 14 to minimize handling, so that post-molt, soft-shelled crabs can fill out undisturbed; and

Whereas this management method has served the resource well for decades and ensures that the Dungeness crab fishery is truly sustainable; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That the Dungeness crab is the official crustacean of the State of Oregon.

Adopted by House April 20, 2009

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Chief Clerk of House

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Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 29, 2009

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President of Senate