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Oregon Dungeness Crab Industry Participants and Interested Persons,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is pleased to host four regional Dungeness crab public industry meetings to discuss and get your input on current management issues concerning the Commercial Dungeness crab fishery. The issues include: 1) changing ocean conditions, 2) Tri-State pre-season testing and season opening developments, 3) crab biotoxin management, and 4) reducing risk of whale entanglements in Dungeness crab gear. Additional details for each of the discussion topics are listed on the back side of this notice and a summary of the 2018 Tri-State meeting can be found on the Pacific States Marine Fish Commission's website at <http://www.psmfc.org/crab/>. Dates, times and locations of the public meetings are as follows:

Monday, October 8th – Brookings – 1PM-5PM

Chetco Community Public Library
405 Alder Street
Brookings, OR 97415

Tuesday, October 9th – Coos Bay – 9AM-1PM

Edgewater Inn Coos Bay
275 E Johnson Ave.
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Wednesday, October 10th – Newport – 9AM-1PM

Shilo Inn Hotel
536 SW Elizabeth St.
Newport, OR 97365

Thursday, October 11th – Astoria - 9AM-1PM

Holiday Inn Express
204 West Marine Drive
Astoria, OR 97103

We look forward to talking with you soon at a meeting near you! Please contact me if you have any questions.

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**Astoria
Holiday Inn Express
Oct. 11, 9AM-1PM**

We Want to Hear From You!

2018 Oregon Dungeness Crab Industry Meetings

**Newport
Shilo Inn Hotel
Oct. 10, 9AM-1PM**

Discussion Topics

Changing ocean conditions (15 mins)

- Current issues
- Need for increased flexibility and accountability
- Crab Marine Fishery Management Plan (MFMP)

Pre-season testing and season opening developments (45 mins)

- Formalizing consistency of Tri-State fair start provisions and pre-season testing processing guidelines
- Allowing more fishing zones with different opening dates
- Extending the latest possible season opening date from Jan 15 to Feb 1 for delayed openings due to crab quality

Crab biotoxin management (45 mins)

- Progress to-date within Oregon and Tri-State region
- New crab areas on fish tickets and proposal for mandatory electronic fish tickets for all crab landings

Reducing risk of whale entanglements in Dungeness crab gear (2 hrs)

- Summary of West Coast whale entanglements in fishing gear
- Whale entanglement working group progress
- Management alternatives to reduce risk of whale entanglements in Dungeness crab gear

**Coos Bay
Edgewater Inn
Oct. 9, 9AM-1PM**

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