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Ms. Marla Rae, Chairperson
Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
333 High Street NE, Suite 202
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Safety in Dungeness Crab Fishery

Dear Chairperson Rae:

In case you haven't seen it, enclosed is a copy of an "In My Opinion" article, published in *The Oregonian* on May 16, 2008.

Kaety Hildenbrand, Sea Grant agent in Newport, has provided updated and corrected figures regarding the Sea Safety, Drill Conductor, and First Aid/CPR classes, and the number who have taken classes in the past few years at different locations throughout the state (see enclosed). These numbers reflect statistics for all vessels, not just crab vessels.

She also has informed me that in the last two years, 22 people have taken "Drill Conducting" at Clatsop Community College. Kaety told me that "Drill Conducting" is the mandatory class for at least one person on each commercial fishing vessel. "Sea Safety" is a one-day class for students and researchers. The FirstAid/CPR class statistics speak for themselves; while important, it is not a class in Drill Conducting nor is it a substitute for a voluntary Coast Guard inspection.

There are approximately 434 crab permits in the state of Oregon. By copy of this letter to ODFW, I am asking them to inform the Commission as to how many vessels landed crab during 2007. It is unknown to me how many vessels that fish for crab have completed the Sea Safety requirement.

Also, by copy of this letter to the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office in Portland, I am asking them to provide information to the Commission as to how many Oregon crab licensed vessels had voluntary Coast Guard Safety inspections prior to the start of the 2007 Dungeness crab season.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Michele Longo Eder

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Enclosures

cc: Commissioner Dan Edge, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Commissioner Jon Englund, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Commissioner Carter Kerns, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Commissioner Skip Klarquist, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Commissioner Bobby Levy, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Commissioner Zane Smith, Jr., Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Director Roy Elicker, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Mitch Vance, Marine Resources Program, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
RADM John Currier, U.S. Coast Guard 13th Division Commander
Commander Christopher Woodley, U.S. Coast Guard Safety Marine Officer
Chief Warrant Officer Mark Allstott, USCG Station Yaquina Bay
Curt Ferrell, USCG Marine Safety Office
Mike Rudolph, USCG Marine Safety Office
Oregon Legislature's Coastal Caucus
Mike Carrier, Natural Resources Advisor to Governor Kulongoski
Stephen Sanders, Oregon Department of Justice
Kaety Hildebrand, OSU Sea Grant
Hugh Link, Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission
Nick Furman, Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission
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Ginny Goblirsch

Date	Port	Type of training	Number trained
23-Aug-05	Port Orford	Drill Conductor	18
8-Nov-05	Charleston	Drill Conductor	20
10-Nov-05	Charleston	Drill Conductor	14
9-May-06	Newport	Drill Conductor	13
16-May-06	Port Orford	Drill Conductor	21
18-May-06	Charleston	Drill Conductor	12
8-Nov-06	Newport	Drill Conductor	26
7-Mar-07	Newport	Sea Safety	12
9-Mar-07	Newport	Drill Conductor	10
21-Mar-07	Garibaldi	Drill Conductor	11
14-Apr-07	Newport	Sea Safety	9
20-Jun-07	Newport	Sea Safety	16
8-Nov-07	Westport	Drill Conductor	18
6-Mar-08	Newport	Drill Conductor	12
27-Mar-08	Brookings	Drill Conductor	20
16-Apr-08	Port Orford	Drill Conductor	15
24-Apr-08	Newport	Drill Conductor	14
4-Mar-08	Newport	First Aid/CPR	12
25-Mar-08	Brookings	First Aid/CPR	15
14-Oct-07	St Helens	First Aid/CPR	3
30-Oct-07	Portland	First Aid/CPR	9
1-Nov-07	Portland	First Aid/CPR	8
6-Nov-07	Westport	First Aid/CPR	3
20-Nov-07	Portland	First Aid/CPR	11
4-Dec-07	Portland	First Aid/CPR	11
22-Apr-08	Newport	First Aid/CPR	11
17-Apr-08	Port Orford	First Aid/CPR	13