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Oregon Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Permit Holders and Interested Persons,

After the delays in this year's crab season opening due to domoic acid (DA) accumulation in crab in Washington, Oregon and California, the Tri-State Dungeness crab Committee (Tri-State) is meeting in June to identify ways to improve coordination and prepare for potential future Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) events. The Pacific State Marine Fish Commission (PSFMC) will be hosting the meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Portland.

The Tri-State committee is comprised of one agency representative from each state (currently Caren Braby - ODFW, Heather Reed - WDFW and Sonke Mastrup - CDFW) and advised by five to six members of industry from each state. The Oregon industry Tri-State advisors that have agreed to join us this year at the meeting are as follows: John Corbin (Ast), Emily Dunn (Gar), Bob Eder (Npt), Tom Nowlin (Cha), Chris Aiello (P.Ord), and Joe Speir (Bro). Representatives from each state's health agency, which are responsible for testing domoic acid levels in crab, will also be at the Tri-State meeting this year to help inform the discussion. For Oregon, this is the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The expected outcomes of the meeting are a better understanding of how the three states monitor for domoic acid and a shared protocol for monitoring and reopening after a bloom. We expect the approach to be similar to the Tri-State approach for coordinated testing for meat quality.

If you would like to discuss further or have any questions about the upcoming Tri-State meeting please give us a call any time.

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