

# Oregon Department of Agriculture and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Dungeness crab & biotoxin Rules Advisory Committee (RAC)

June 20, 2017  
Hatfield Marine Science Center, Library Seminar Room  
Newport, Oregon

## Agenda

### Purpose Statement:

Dungeness crab harvest is an economic and cultural centerpiece in Oregon, a keystone for Oregon's popular seafood brand. Reliable and sustainable harvest is essential to maximizing the value of harvested crab to Oregon, and safe seafood management practices are essential for protecting the health of Oregonians. This Rules Advisory Committee will help shape Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) for ODA and ODFW to describe the management use of evisceration orders and harvest area closures, to address harmful algal bloom biotoxin detection in crab viscera, to both maximize the protection of human health and maximize the sustainable harvest during these events.

### Draft Goals:

Advise the agencies over 2-3 meetings on rules and process describing under what conditions evisceration may be used for crab harvest and how to implement closures, when necessary. Conditions must maximize traceability of the live market to minimize risk of public exposure to biotoxins. This includes improving traceability for the purposes of communication with non-HACCP required crab buyers and for the purposes of inventory evaluation for HACCP processors.

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| 10 am | Welcome and introductions<br>Stephanie Page (ODA), Caren Braby (ODFW), Hugh Link (ODCC)   |
| 10:15 | Review committee goal(s), responsibilities of RAC members, discuss scope of committee's work <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roles of RAC members (represent crab industry, represent ports, advisory role to agencies)</li><li>• Roles of ODA/ODFW/ODCC staff (lead RAC discussion; represent agency authorities; participate in discussion; integrate advice and put rules in place this Fall)</li><li>• Brief review of the 2016-2017 season and biotoxin issues</li></ul>   |
| 10:30 | Overview of the commercial sale of Dungeness crab <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ODFW current requirements and definitions</li><li>• ODA description of Dungeness crab processing (HACCP, non-HACCP)</li></ul>   |
| 10:45 | Review DRAFT ODA rule language <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe what OARs are generally for &amp; the rulemaking process</li><li>• Describe the DRAFT rule (structure, content, intent) and the main scenarios we anticipate encountering<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Pre-season biotoxins (including potential for additional pre-season testing, season delay)</li><li>○ In-season biotoxins (including inventoried crab meat/sections/whole cooks, live crab)</li></ul></li><li>• Describe how ODA rules would relate to ODFW rules</li></ul> |

- 12:00 Working lunch (provided by ODA)
- 12:30 Making evisceration and closure events work best for everyone (the industry, the public and the managers)
- Biotxin zones
    - Review options identified by ODFW, ODA, ODCC
    - Advise on public process to finalize (for 2017-2018 season, at least)
  - Modifying harvest in-season (***evisceration***):
    - Landings constraints and live crab traceability requirements
    - Prohibit sales of live crab for crab harvested from biotoxin area
    - What will be required for live crab holdings/market chain?
  - Modifying harvest in-season (***closure***):
    - Can pots stay in the area? For how long and under what conditions?
    - Reasonable compliance timeframes
    - What will be required for crab in various stages of harvest (e.g., in pots, vessel holds, on docks)
    - What will be required for live crab holdings/market chain?
  - Traceability considerations – any crab harvested from a biotoxin zone during time frame of concern
    - Communication chain: Outreach to live crab dealers and retailers during biotoxin event
    - Recordkeeping requirements and reviewing/checking of records
    - Discuss scenarios and how traceability would work – what are the gaps in the strategies that we have identified?
- 1:30 Public comment
- 1:45 Next Steps
- Communication with industry
    - Each RAC member spend time reaching out to representative group to share information about the RAC and get input for meeting 2 (July 20, 2017, Coos Bay)
    - ODFW/ODCC to send information out to listserves/email lists
- 2:00 Adjourn

#### Questions?

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