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Dear Coastal Dungeness Crab Fishery Participant:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is hosting three industry meetings to discuss issues impacting the coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery. We will use the time between now and the start of the 2022-2023 season to provide updates and information, seek input, and discuss important topics that impact fishery participants. Each meeting will include unique agenda items with time at the final meeting to revisit topics from the earlier two meetings. You are encouraged to attend all the meetings.

Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (virtual meeting, see below)

The first meeting will start with an introduction and overview of recent actions and upcoming changes to coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery management under the conservation plan that are required to secure an Incidental Take Permit from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) and bring the fishery into compliance with federal statutes. We'll also talk about the transition from paper fish ticket reporting to electronic fish ticket reporting that will be mandatory at the start of the 2022-2023 coastal crab season. The meeting will conclude with a review of the 2021-2022 crab season including a discussion on State-Quinault harvest sharing and fish ticket area reporting issues.

Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (virtual or in person TBD)

The second meeting will focus on monitoring needs for both fishery management and enforcement, and future entanglement reporting. Entanglement monitoring will be a requirement of an ITP and has been one of the primary challenges for the three West Coast states in terms of our conservation plan development. Gear marking is a key component of entanglement monitoring, so we'll review current gear marking requirements and discuss ways to build a robust gear marking program in coordination with Oregon and California. This meeting will include a report on the WDFW electronic monitoring pilot project, a discussion on minimum system requirements, and the timeline for implementation.

Thursday, October 13, 2022, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (virtual or in person TBD)

The final meeting will include a brief discussion on offshore wind (OSW) energy and what the process looks like based on our current understanding. Rather than discuss specific OSW proposals, we will focus on a review of the Washington Marine Spatial Plan and get input on what an effective stakeholder process in Washington looks like. The bulk of the third meeting will be reserved to revisit discussion topics from the earlier meetings and talk about next steps.

All meetings will include a break for lunch. The first meeting will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. We are considering meeting options for the other two dates including whether they will be held virtually or in person. We expect all three meetings to run from 9:00 am to around 3:30 pm. Specific details for the September and October meetings will be shared as we get closer to the dates.

For more information, you can contact me at 360-490-9628 or Heather.Hall@dfw.wa.gov

Sincerely,



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