



State of Washington
Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Dear Coastal Dungeness Crab Fishery Participant:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is hosting an industry meeting to discuss proposed rules and their implementation in the coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery on Thursday September 12, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

This meeting will review the proposed rules for updated line marking requirements and surface gear maximums. The proposed requirements include marking the surface line and vertical line (line connecting the pot to the main buoy). Enhanced line marking is needed to identify gear used in the Washington coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery and improve whale entanglement reporting. WDFW has been working closely with Oregon and California Fish and Wildlife agencies, NOAA Fisheries, and stakeholders on developing line marking requirements for the West Coast crab fisheries. Surface gear maximums are an entanglement risk reduction strategy.

This will be a hybrid meeting. You may join virtually by using Microsoft Teams or by phone with the information below.

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. September 12, 2024
Coastal Dungeness Crab Industry Meeting

Microsoft Teams

<https://tinyurl.com/fishery-industry-meeting>

Meeting ID: 293 213 115 638

Passcode: YfQH3d

Dial in by phone

[1-564-999-2000](tel:1-564-999-2000)

Phone conference ID: 449 638 958#

There will be limited space available to join in person at:

Region 6 Montesano Office Conference Room
48 Devonshire Rd.
Montesano, WA 98563

Please RSVP to Megan Hintz at Megan.Hintz@dfw.wa.gov or 564-215-1757 if you plan to attend in person. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions at Megan.Hintz@dfw.wa.gov or 564-215-1757.

Sincerely,

Megan Hintz
Fisheries Conservation Planner