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Dear Coastal Dungeness crab License Holder:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is soliciting nominations for individuals interested in serving on the Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is made up of fifteen representatives of the coastal Dungeness crab industry that will serve a two-year term starting June 1, 2025.

<u>Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board members are community leaders</u> that provide valuable insight and feedback on WDFW's management and policy decisions. If selected to serve on the Advisory Board, members must be willing to:

- 1) Attend scheduled Advisory Board meetings (remote options are available);
- 2) Share topics discussed in meetings with coastal crab industry participants; and
- 3) Voice the opinions and ideas of coastal crab industry participants during Advisory Board meetings.

Instructions for submitting nominations can be found at the end of this notice. More information about the Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board can also be found at: <u>https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/cdcag</u>.

Once the Advisory Board members have been selected a contact sheet will be provided to all coastal Dungeness crab license owners.

Please contact Matt George at 360-640-1066 or <u>matthew.george@dfw.wa.gov</u> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Matt George, Ph.D. Coastal Shellfish Manager

Cc: Heather Hall, Region 6 Director Lorna Wargo, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Coordinator

WASHINGTON COASTAL CRAB ADVISORY BOARD

The Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board is comprised of fifteen members – with the majority representing active fishers but also includes crab buyers and processing representatives. Advisors are selected based on various criteria, including:



- Experience in the coastal Dungeness crab fishery.
- Affiliation/membership to a larger group (to maximize stakeholder participation).
- Size of the vessel used (to ensure small and large boat representation).
- Area fished (for broad geographical representation).

A primary responsibility of Advisory Board members is to provide advice to the Department relative to the needs of the coastal Dungeness crab industry. Part of that responsibility includes being available to listen to the ideas and opinions of fellow industry members and to bring them back for discussion during Advisory Board meetings.

Nominations (self-nominations allowed) must include the following:

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
HOME PORT:
EXPERIENCE:
AFFILIATIONS:
SIZE OF VESSEL:
AREA GENERALLY FISHED:
PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY

Please return by June 1, 2025, to WDFW, Matt George, 48 Devonshire Road, Montesano, WA 98563 or email at <u>matthew.george@dfw.wa.gov</u>.