

**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE WORKSHOP
REGARDING WHALE ENTANGLEMENTS IN COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY**

PROPOSED AGENDA

9:00 am Introductions/Purpose of the Meeting Michele Culver

Purpose: To review and discuss potential management tools and measures to better assess when and where the coastal crab fishery occurs and to avoid whale entanglements in crab fishing gear

9:20 am Whale Entanglement Overview Michele Culver and Heather Hall

- Endangered Species Act Requirements and Process
- History of Whale Entanglements off West Coast and in Washington Coastal Dungeness Crab Fishery
- Update on Status of Center for Biological Diversity Lawsuit Against California Department of Fish and Wildlife

9:45 am Update on Washington Working Group Activities Heather Hall

10:15 am *BREAK (15 minutes)*

10:30 am Electronic Monitoring Tools and Cost Estimates Jessi Doerpinghaus

11:30 am Review Potential Management Measures Alternatives Michele Culver

12:00 pm *LUNCH BREAK (1 hour)*

1:00 pm Identify Additional Potential Management Measures Group

2:00 pm Initial Discussion of Potential Management Measures Group

3:00 pm Wrap Up and Next Steps Michele Culver

2nd Workshop: April 24 at 9:00 am at Montesano City Hall

Purpose: To further discuss electronic monitoring alternatives and potential management measures to avoid whale entanglements in crab fishing gear

3:30 pm Adjourn