



Amending Coastal Dungeness Crab Rules - Briefing

Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting
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Background

Revisions to coastal commercial Dungeness crab regulations are need to:

- **Improve the intent and enforceability of existing regulations**
- **Allow for a consistent season opening with Oregon**
- **Minimize lost or derelict crab gear**
- **Improve safety for the coastal Dungeness crab fishery**

Proposed Changes

- **WAC 220-52-045**
 - Streamline the season opening date
 - Establish a gear tending requirement
 - Extend pre-season gear set period
- **WAC 220-52-042**
 - Modify replacement buoy tag periods and limits
- **WAC 220-52-041**
 - Modify logbook requirements

Public Comments

- **Public Hearing November 25, 2014**
 - No comments
- **Public Comments provided via email**
 - WDFW response

Fish and Wildlife Commission - Action

- **WDFW staff recommends that the Commission adopt the proposed changes to WAC 220-52-041, WAC 220-52-042 and WAC 220-52-045 as proposed.**

Questions?

