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**WASHINGTON DUNGENESS CRAB ADVISORS MEETING**

**WDFW has scheduled a meeting of  
Washington Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisors.**

**The Washington Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisors will meet on Wednesday November 2, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Region Six Office, 48 Devonshire Road in Montesano.**

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues relative to the management of the fishery. The agenda will include:

- Discuss 2015-16 Season Planning
- Review Pre-season test fishing results
  - The first optional pre-season test is scheduled for the third week of October.
- Discuss State / Tribal negotiations
- Next steps
- Other

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**UPDATE ON TEST FISHING:**

Note that South Bend Packers will conduct the meat pick-out of the crab collected from our Westport and Northern stations, during our October pre-season tests. This is a change from using Washington Crab over the last several years. However, Washington Crab has indicated that their very new crew of crab pickers may not be sufficiently experienced to produce an accurate meat-pick out percentage. After investigating our options, we considered using Bell Buoy in Chinook who are on tap to run crab we collected from our Long Beach test stations - but were concerned with the extra trucking time all the way to Chinook. We then learned that the our co-managers at Quinault are planning to use South Bend Packers to process their test crab and we feel it is advantageous to have both the State and QIN tests run by the same plant. After talking through our needs with South Bend Packing, we have made the decision to have them run the crab collected from our Westport and Northern test stations.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.