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August 3, 2023

Dear Coastal Dungeness Crab Fishery Participant:

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, August 17, 2023, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

This meeting will focus on the review of proposed rules for gear marking and electronic monitoring (EM). Gear marking is needed to identify gear used in the Washington coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery and improve whale entanglement reporting. EM is needed to accurately determine fishing location and effort, which will support area management and whale co-occurrence modeling required in our conservation plan. WDFW is proposing a requirement for an EM system without video that is capable of transmitting location and hydraulic data to the Pacific States Marine Fishery Commission. This meeting will include a discussion of proposed rule changes, minimum EM system requirements, and a timeline for implementation. A meeting agenda is provided as an attachment to this announcement.

This will be a hybrid meeting. You may join virtually by using Microsoft Teams or by phone. The login or call-in information is provided below.

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 Robert Morgan at Robert.Morgan@dfw.wa.gov or 360-480-8596 if you plan to attend in person.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Heather Hall
Lorna Wargo
Jamie Fuller

Robert Morgan

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WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE INDUSTRY MEETING

August 17, 2023

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

PROPOSED AGENDA

3:00 pm	Introductions and Purpose of the Meeting	Heather Hall
3:15 pm	Proposed Rule Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of rule package	Heather Hall
3:30 pm	Coastal Shellfish Proposed Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">EM and Compliance GuideGear MarkingWA-tixQuestions	Heather Hall and Robert Morgan
4:30 pm	Commission Schedule and Public Comment	Heather Hall
5:00 pm	Adjourn	