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Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Dear Washington Coastal Pink Shrimper:

Due concerns about the coronavirus/COVID-19, we are **cancelling** the shrimp public meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the WDFW Region 6 office at Montesano, WA.

We will reschedule the meeting when meeting in person is possible. The meeting was to enable dialog and conference calls, or similar formats are not always conducive to full participation. In the meantime, the Washington newsletter will provide information for 2020. Look for it in your mailbox!

Please note – **new federal regulations** changed the boundaries or created new Essential Fish Habitat catch area closures. A plot of logbook data indicates some shrimping grounds may fall within areas that may now be closed to all trawl gear, including shrimp trawl. Coordinates for downloading to your plotter, and more information can found at:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/amendment-28-pacific-coast-groundfish-fishery-management-plan>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact either of us.

Sincerely,

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