



State of Washington
Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Dear Coastal Dungeness Crab Fishery Participant:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is hosting a virtual industry meeting to discuss and brainstorm ideas for reducing whale entanglement risk on **Tuesday June 3rd from 3-5pm.**

WDFW is seeking ideas from commercial crabbers on actions to reduce whale entanglement risk. We are hosting a virtual workshop to brainstorm and discuss potential actions to reduce the risk of whale entanglements in commercial crab fishing gear. The department is continuing to develop a conservation plan and prepare for a future Take Reduction Team to get the fishery in compliance with federal regulations. We want to hear your ideas!

You may join virtually by using Microsoft Teams or by phone. The login and call-in information is provided below. If you are unable to make the meeting, please reach out to Megan Hintz at 564-215-1757 or Megan.Hintz@dfw.wa.gov with your ideas.

Whale Entanglement Risk Reduction Workshop

June 3rd 3-5pm

Microsoft Teams

<https://tinyurl.com/Entanglement-risk-reduction>

Meeting ID: 255 386 881 505 3

Passcode: sC3Zp3PL

Dial in by phone

[1-564-999-2000](tel:1-564-999-2000)

Phone conference ID: 400 937 022#

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Hintz".

Megan Hintz

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