



State of Washington  
Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Dear Coastal Dungeness Crab License Holder:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is soliciting nominations for individuals interested in serving on the Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is made up of fifteen representatives of the coastal Dungeness crab industry that are appointed by the Director and will serve a two-year term starting June 1, 2013.

If selected to serve on the Advisory Board, members must willing to communicate with others involved in the coastal crab industry, solicit their opinions and ideas and share those with the Department and Advisory Board. Once the Advisory Board members have been selected a contact sheet will be provided to all coastal Dungeness crab license owners.

Included are more details on the responsibilities of Advisory Board members and instructions for submitting nominations.

Please contact Dan Ayres at 360-249-4628 ext. 209 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Heather Reed  
Coastal Marine Resources Policy Coordinator

Cc: Philip Anderson, Director  
Dan Ayres, Coastal Shellfish Manager



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**COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB ADVISORY BOARD NOMINATION  
PROCEDURES**

The Director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) appoints fifteen members of the coastal Dungeness crab industry to its advisory board and is seeking nominations for qualified candidates. The composition of the Coastal Dungeness crab Advisory Board is intended to ensure a balanced representation of all sectors and geographic areas of the coastal Dungeness crab industry. Industry advisors provide critical input to the Department during their term on the Advisory Board.

Over the past two-year period the Advisory Board has contributed significantly in the following processes.

- Development of annual State and Tribal Management Agreements
- Improvements to summer fishery monitoring
- Continued coordination with the Tri-State Dungeness Crab Committee

The Department plans to continue work with the Dungeness Crab Advisory Board on the ongoing efforts relative to the items listed above and will continue to explore ideas that provide economic stability to the coastal Dungeness crab fishery.

**Advisory Board Duties**

The primary responsibility of the Advisory Board is to consult with WDFW managers throughout the season relative to management of the coastal Dungeness crab fishery. It is the responsibility of Advisory Board members to communicate with other members of the coastal Dungeness crab industry, to solicit their input, to share their ideas and opinions with the Advisory Board and the Department and to inform them of the results of Advisory Board meetings.

**Tri-State Dungeness crab Committee**

The Tri-State Dungeness Crab Committee was formed in 1996 through the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to provide a forum for the three coastal states fisheries management agencies and industry representatives to work cooperatively to manage the coastal Dungeness crab fishery.

Six members of the Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board will be selected to participate as members of the Tri-State Dungeness Crab Committee. The Washington delegation will be comprised of five members and one alternate and will be responsible for attending meetings of the Tri-State Committee. Tri-State Committee meetings may require travel at the cost of the committee member.



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### **Term**

Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board members will be appointed for two-year terms, beginning June 2013 through May 2015.

### **Nomination Process**

Advisory Board nominations are open to all individuals who are members of the Coastal Dungeness crab industry, including fishers and processing representatives. Nominated individuals do not have to be affiliated with a group or organization.

Nomination letters must include the following information:

- Name, address, telephone number
- Name of fishing vessel (if applicable)
- Description of your interest in the Coastal Dungeness crab fishery
- Description of your participation in the Coastal Dungeness crab fishery including the state(s) in which you hold a coastal Dungeness crab license (if applicable)

Nominations should be sent by mail, email or faxed to:  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Attn: Dan Ayres  
48 Devonshire Road  
Montesano, WA 98563  
Fax: 360-249-1229  
[Dan.Ayres@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Dan.Ayres@dfw.wa.gov)

**Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2013.**

If you have questions, please contact Dan Ayres at (360) 249-4628 ext. 209