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**TO:** Oregon Dungeness Crab Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Mitch Vance, Marine Resources Program  
**RE:** Meeting Announcement for May 6, 2010

Hello Dungeness crab advisors,

We have scheduled an advisory meeting to be held on May 6, 2010 in Newport at the ODFW office from 9 a.m. until noon.

The conference call number is (888) 622-5357 and the participant code is 933425.

We have just recently learned that there will not be a formal Tri-State representatives meeting. There was some interest in having a meeting in the spring rather than late summer as usual, but while there are a few burning issues such as CA pot limit planning, there was not sufficient urgency to pull managers and advisors from all three states together. In lieu of a formal Tri-State meeting, we will host an Oregon advisors meeting and then schedule a follow up meeting with Washington to discuss Bi-State issues. We are looking forward to your input on current and future issues in the Dungeness fishery.

The agenda will include:

- Introduction of the new crab manager
- Season update
- Logbook information
- Release mechanism rule wording – Rule change proposed for August, 2010.  
(Rotten cotton tying methods)
- CA pot limit recommendations to the CA legislature
- WA license buyback program
- Derelict gear retrieval programs
- Whale entanglements
- MSC certification

After these topics have been covered, we can discuss other ideas or concerns that anyone has that would be appropriate for consideration by ODCAC.

The latest report from the CA Dungeness Crab Task Force was just completed and is available on the web at [http://www.opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/project\\_pages/dctf/Final\\_DCTF\\_LegReport2.pdf](http://www.opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/project_pages/dctf/Final_DCTF_LegReport2.pdf)

**The Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission has graciously offered to provide lunch after the meeting. An estimate of the number of attendees will help us plan for that added opportunity for discussion.**

Please RSVP and let us know if you will be calling in, attending in person, or will not be able to participate.

If you have questions about any of this information or wish to update your contact information, please let us know.

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