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INDUSTRY NOTICE

February 29, 2012

WDFW has scheduled a Washington Coastal Dungeness Crab Industry Meeting.

The meeting will be held on March 21, 2012 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Montesano City Hall, upstairs meeting room at 112 North Main Street in Montesano.

This meeting is being held in response to issues that were raised during various discussions with industry members this fall and winter. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the opportunity for members of the coastal Dungeness Crab Industry to provide input and discuss solutions on issues relative to the management of the fishery.

The agenda will include a review of the current season opening structure and an open discussion of any changes that may be necessary for future seasons.

There will also be time to discuss the two-year buoy tag program.

This meeting is open to the public we encourage those associated with the Washington coastal crab fishery to attend and participate.

WDFW staff welcomes a free and open exchange of ideas as we look ahead to the future of our management of this important fishery.

Also included with this notice is a copy of the brochure "Lost Crab Pots" that WDFW recently produced with funding from NOAA's Marine Debris Program. WDFW, together with the commercial crab industry and NOAA recently completed a two year project looking at lost and abandoned crab pots through NOAA's community based grant program. This brochure fulfills the project's educational component by informing fishers and the public on the issues associated with lost crab pots and steps that the crab industry and WDFW are doing to address those issues. If you would like additional copies of this brochure, please let us know.

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