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Dear Coastal Dungeness Crab License Owner:

Thank-you to those who were able to attend the Coastal Dungeness crab industry meeting on March 26, 2017. We value the good discussion and exchange of ideas that came out of that meeting and look forward to continuing those discussions at our next industry meeting. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with topics that we will cover at the next meeting and inform you that the date for the next meeting has changed. The meeting will be held at the Montesano City Hall beginning at 9:00 AM on April 27, 2017 not April 26 as originally proposed.

At the next meeting, we plan to follow-up on our discussions relative to transporting crab gear that does not have WDFW issued buoy tags and potential changes to the replacement buoy tag structure. In addition, we will discuss issues that came up at the last meeting including; opening the Washington crab fishery at the Washington–Oregon border under extreme circumstances such as domoic acid delays, and scoping ideas for a pot stacking program as well as discussing state-tribal management issues.

We look forward to seeing you at the next industry meeting. Montesano City Hall is located at 112 North Main Street in Montesano. For more information you can contact me at 360-902-2487 or <u>Heather.Reed@dfw.wa.gov</u>

Sincerely,

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