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## WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB INDUSTRY NOTICE

WDFW has scheduled a Washington Coastal Dungeness Crab Industry Meeting

The meeting will be held on Friday April 24, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Grays Harbor County Commissioners meeting room at 100 West Broadway in Montesano.

The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss issues related to the summer Dungeness crab fishery. We will provide: 1) background on the development of the Summer Fishery Management Plan (Plan), including the primary objectives of the plan to, "protect the reproductive capacity of the resource, maximize the economic benefit from the resource, ensure a high quality product, and recognize the economic well-being and stability of industry"; 2) review fishery information collected since the implementation of the Plan in 2002 and; 3) provide time for a discussion on ways we might improve our summer management approach.

The meeting is open to the public and 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.

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