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Dear Coastal Dungeness Crab Fishery Participant:

As you know, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is in the process of developing a conservation plan (CP) for the coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishery. The CP is necessary to apply for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) from the National Marine Fisheries Service.

This spring, WDFW met with industry members to share the progress on the CP development, including plan components and the timeline for completion, and we heard your input on potential actions to avoid and reduce interactions with protected species. As we described this spring, the goal was to have a complete draft by the end of 2020. WDFW is close to reaching that goal and will have a draft in early 2021. Prior to completing our draft, we would like to get your input on the plan's goals, objectives, and adaptive management approach.

To facilitate that discussion, WDFW is hosting a virtual public meeting on **December 10, 2020 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** Connection details are below;

Join on your computer or mobile app:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only):

564-999-2000

Phone Conference ID: 976 320 267#

We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at 360-902-2487 or Heather.Hall@dfw.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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