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Dear Washington Coastal Dungeness Industry Member:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is soliciting nominations for individuals interested in serving on the Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is made up of fifteen representatives of the coastal Dungeness crab industry that will serve a two-year term.

If selected to serve on the Advisory Board, members must be willing to communicate with others involved in the coastal crab industry, solicit their opinions and ideas and share those with the Department and Advisory Board. Once the Advisory Board members have been selected a contact sheet will be provided to all industry stakeholders of the Washington coastal Dungeness industry and posted on the WDFW web site https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/crab/coastal/letters-notices#general-info .

Included are more details on the responsibilities of Advisory Board members and instructions for submitting nominations.

Nominations are due May 16, 2022, at the address or FAX number listed above or emailed to Daniel.Ayres@dfw.wa.gov

Please contact me at 360-249-4628 ext. 209 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan L. Ayres, Coastal Shellfish Manager

Cc: Heather Hall, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Manager Lorna Wargo, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Coordinator Jamie Fuller, Coastal Shellfish Data Manager



WASHINGTON COASTAL CRAB ADVISORY BOARD

The Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board is comprised of fifteen members – with the majority representing active fishers, however membership should also include crab processing representatives. Advisors are selected based on various criteria, including:

- Experience in the coastal Dungeness crab fishery.
- Affiliation/membership to a larger group (to maximize stakeholder participation).
- Size of the vessel used (to ensure small and large boat representation).
- Area fished (for broad geographical representation).

A primary responsibility of Advisory Board members is to provide advice to the Department relative to the needs of the coastal Dungeness crab industry. Part of that responsibility includes being available to listen to the ideas and opinions of fellow industry members and to bring them back for discussion during Advisory Board meetings.

Nominations (self-nominations allowed) must include the following:

PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY

Please return by May 16, 2022 to WDFW, Dan Ayres, 48 Devonshire Road, Montesano, WA 98563 or FAX 360-249-1229 or email at <u>Daniel.Ayres@dfw.wa.gov</u>