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Dear Coastal Dungeness Crab License Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with advanced notice of upcoming WDFW meeting dates. The meetings are intended to gather input from the coastal Dungeness crab industry in response to issues that came up during the 2016-2017 coastal Dungeness crab season setting process. We are in the process of compiling a list of issues for discussion; in general we plan to discuss issues surrounding the season opening including fair start provisions, management lines and other topics that affect management of the crab fishery and coastal crab industry members.

The meeting will be held March 24, 2017 at the Montesano City Hall in the upstairs meeting room starting at 9:00 AM. We view this meeting as a first step in the process and acknowledge that we will not be able to resolve all issues in one meeting and so we've also reserved the same meeting room 9:00 AM on April 26, 2017 to continue the discussion. We will evaluate the need for additional meetings and discussions moving forward. Montesano City Hall is located at 112 North Main Street in Montesano.

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Sincerely,

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