

Oregon Whale Entanglement Working Group Meeting

Friday, September 22, 2017, 10 am - 3 pm

*Location: OSU Extension - Lincoln County Conference Room
1211 SE Bay Boulevard
Newport, OR 97365*

Conference Line: 1-415-655-0002 (US Toll)

Access Code: 926 346 293

Meeting goals:

- Provide opportunity for dialogue and information gathering with Dan Lawson, NOAA Fisheries.
- Gather information from economics expert guest speaker about potential economic impacts from possible management scenarios, and information about seasonal distribution of fishing effort from ODFW.
- Discuss a management recommendation proposal developed by fishermen in the group.
- Review, evaluate, and modify (as necessary) the [best practices guide](#) developed by the California Dungeness Crab Gear Working Group for Oregon Dungeness crab fisheries.

Welcome, Introductions and Review Proposed Agenda

Introductions for all group members and guests. Review, revise and affirm agenda and ground rules.

Announcements & Updates

Brief update on progress and plan for distributing whale entanglement reporting hotline stickers. Any other brief announcements from the group.

Q&A with Dan Lawson (20 minutes)

Opportunity for dialogue and question and answer session with Dan Lawson, NOAA Fisheries Protected Resources Division.

Economic Impacts of Season Change Scenarios (40 minutes)

Brief summary from Kelly Corbett of ODFW data on [monthly landings](#) (lbs, ex-vessel value, active permits, estimated pots fished) and spatial distribution of [fishing effort](#). Presentation (20 minutes) from Shannon Davis from The Research Group on the results of the bioeconomic model on the economic impacts of a range of season change scenarios. Presentation will be followed by 10 minutes for questions.

Lunch

Whale Entanglement Risk Reduction Proposal and Discussion (~1 hour)

Yager, Pettis, and several other fishermen in the group have prepared a management recommendation for consideration by the group. The team will briefly present their proposal to reduce the risk of whale entanglement in Oregon Dungeness crab fishery, which will serve as a starting point for discussion. The group will discuss, provide feedback, and determine next steps for this proposal.

Break

Best Practices Guide (~1 hour)

Review, evaluate, and modify (as necessary) the [best practices guide](#) developed by the California Dungeness Crab Gear Working Group for Oregon Dungeness crab fisheries.

Public Comment (Maximum 10 minutes)

The group will listen to comments from visitors in attendance. Visitors are asked to keep their comments concise, respectful, and follow the ground rules of the group.

Wrap up and Next Steps

Outline action items and responsible group members for any interim efforts, determine priority discussion topics for next meeting.

Anticipated Meeting Participants

Name	Affiliation
Bob Aue	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
Susan Chambers	West Coast Seafood Processors Association
Kelly Corbett	ODFW Commercial Dungeness Crab
John Corbin	Commercial Fisherman - Astoria
Bob Eder	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
Sheila Garber	Englund Marine & Industrial Supply
Gway Kirchner	The Nature Conservancy
Mike Lane	Commercial Fisherman - Coos Bay
Rick Lilienthal	Commercial Fisherman - Coos Bay
Hugh Link	Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission
Tyler Long	Commercial Fisherman - Coos Bay
Ron Mason	Recreational Crabber - Corvallis/Newport
Tony Pettis	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
Joy Primrose	Oregon Chapter of the American Cetacean Society
Jim Rice	OSU, Marine Mammal Institute
Sarah Skamsar	Foulweather Trawl
Leigh Torres	OSU, Marine Mammal Institute
Justin Yager	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
Oregon Sea Grant	
Amanda Gladics	Facilitator
Kaety Jacobson	Co-Facilitator
Group Members Participating Remotely	
Stuart Schuttpelz	Commercial Fisherman - Reedsport
Debbie Duffield	Portland State University
Anticipated Guests	
Dan Lawson	NOAA Fisheries
Shannon Davis	The Research Group
Gil Sylvia	OSU - COMES
Tommy Swearington	ODFW - Marine Reserves

