

Oregon Whale Entanglement Working Group Meeting
Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

*Location: Charleston Marina RV Park Meeting Room
63402 Kingfisher Road
Charleston, OR 97420*

*Conference Line: 1-415-655-0002 (US Toll)
Access Code: 926 346 293*

Overall Meeting goal:

Provide recommendations for options to minimize whale entanglement risk that ODFW can evaluate further during this crab season.

Meeting goals:

- Review, discuss and evaluate a range of proposals to reduce whale entanglement risk during spring and summer months.
- Develop list of priority data gaps.
- Finalize content for an Oregon Best Practices Directive for Oregon Dungeness crab fisheries.
- Discuss developing a fleet survey.
- Discuss the future of working group and determine whether continuation is desired.

Welcome, Introductions and Review Proposed Agenda

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

Background on Whale Entanglement and Working Group

For the benefit of working group guests, Amanda Gladics will provide a brief overview of whale entanglement on the West Coast, reasons the Working group was convened, timeline, and progress to date. Working group members may add information they feel is relevant for guests. Guests may wish to reference agendas, summaries, and materials from our previous meetings at our [website \(https://tinyurl.com/yc3ksp4j\)](https://tinyurl.com/yc3ksp4j), and the [NOAA Fisheries 2016 Entanglement Summary Report \(https://tinyurl.com/yc3po7w8\)](https://tinyurl.com/yc3po7w8).

Options for Reducing Entanglement Risk During Spring and Summer Months (~45 mins)

Beginning with another proposal developed by group members, the group will review a range of options ([narrative: https://tinyurl.com/ybo9xsvw](https://tinyurl.com/ybo9xsvw) or [spreadsheet: https://tinyurl.com/ycvuc9vz](https://tinyurl.com/ycvuc9vz)) developed during the [October 20th Meeting](#). The group will provide input on benefits and tradeoffs, then evaluate and prioritize options for further review by ODFW.

Public Comment (~15 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.

Lunch Break - Brainstorm Priority Data Gaps

Add your additional ideas for priority data gaps to the flip charts while you are waiting to get lunch.

Best Practices Directive

Review, and finalize [content for a Best Practices Directive \(https://tinyurl.com/yaho77a4\)](https://tinyurl.com/yaho77a4) for Oregon Dungeness crab fisheries. A revised version of the [Directive \(https://tinyurl.com/y7ghpkvr\)](https://tinyurl.com/y7ghpkvr) based on feedback during the 10/20/2017 meeting is available for reference.

Additional communication resources needed?

Next Steps for the Working Group

Discuss the future for the group. Determine if the group desires to continue meeting after the beginning of crab season (late Feb or March).

Fleet Survey

At our last meeting, the need to reach out to the fleet through a survey or poll was brought up. We will discuss what elements could be included in a survey and determine if the group supports moving forward with this idea at this time. These [key talking points \(https://tinyurl.com/y86q6xan\)](https://tinyurl.com/y86q6xan) could be used to provide context and frame the survey.

Designate Data Gap Priorities

On your way out, please mark the data gaps which you think are the highest priority using the dot stickers provided.

Anticipated Meeting Participants

Name	Affiliation
Susan Chambers	West Coast Seafood Processors Association
Kelly Corbett	ODFW Commercial Dungeness Crab
Bob Eder	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
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
Sarah Skamsar	Foulweather Trawl
Stuart Schuttpelz	Commercial Fisherman - Reedsport
Justin Yager	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
Oregon Sea Grant	
Amanda Gladics	Facilitator
Kaety Jacobson	Co-Facilitator
Group Members Participating Remotely	
Debbie Duffield	Portland State University
Bob Aue	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
Gway Kirchner	The Nature Conservancy
Sheila Garber	Englund Marine & Industrial Supply
Leigh Torres	OSU, Marine Mammal Institute
John Corbin	Commercial Fisherman - Astoria
Group Members Unable to Attend	
Jim Rice	OSU, Marine Mammal Institute
Anticipated Guests	
Dennis Heinemann - participating remotely	Marine Mammal Commission
Jerry Bigginjer	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
Cody Chase	Commercial Fisherman - Newport