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### MEMORANDUM

TO: California Ocean and Coastal Community

FROM: Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources

DATE: December 19, 2008

RE: Requesting Nominations for the Dungeness Crab Task Force

ATTACHMENTS: [DCTF Nominations Form](#)

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I am pleased to announce that the OPC is currently soliciting nominations for the California Dungeness Crab Task Force (DCTF). Nominations will be accepted for individuals that will represent non-governmental organizations (NGOs), crab processors, commercial passenger fishing vessels (CPFV), and recreational fishing interests.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 1690 (SB 1690), which was signed in September 2008 and amends Fish and Game Code Section 8276.4, requires the OPC to develop a task force composed of commercial and recreational fishermen, crab processors, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as representatives from California Sea Grant and California Department of Fish and Game (DFG). The purpose of the DCTF is to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to make fishery management recommendations to regulators. The task force will be comprised of representatives from various groups including commercial and recreational fishermen, crab processors, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), as well as representatives from California Sea Grant and California Department of Fish and Game (DFG). Commercial fishermen will be elected (in a separate process) to the task force by their peers to represent home port regions.

The goal of the DCTF is to provide recommendations (reached by a two-thirds majority vote within the task force) about desired changes to the management of the Dungeness crab fishery in California. These recommendations will be presented to the Joint Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries, DFG, and the California Fish and Game Commission (FGC) by January 2010.

The task force will meet monthly from March-December 2009 and additional meetings and follow up discussions are likely. The OPC will cover travel costs to and from task force meetings for people selected to serve on the DCTF.

#### **NOMINATIONS:**

Through this notice, the OPC is soliciting nominations for sport fishing, crab processor, CPFV, and NGO representatives to serve on the DCTF. OPC staff will select representatives for each of these groups based on the nominations submitted.

Anyone may submit a nomination to the OPC using the attached application. Each nomination must include:

- Submitter's name and organization
- Nominee's name, organization and contact information including email, telephone number, and mailing address
- The category for which the nominee is being nominated to represent (i.e., crab processing, sport fishing, NGO, or CPFV)
- A one paragraph justifying the nomination and why he/she would be a good representative for the category they have been nominated for

Failure to complete any portion of the nomination form will void your nomination request. Please ensure that a nominee is willing to serve on the task force prior to submitting the nomination form to the OPC.

Those representatives selected from each category will be contacted in mid-February 2009.

Please direct questions about the Dungeness Crab Task Force or the nomination/selection process to Rachelle Fisher ([rfisher@scc.ca.gov](mailto:rfisher@scc.ca.gov); 510-286-4172).

Please forward this request to individuals or groups who may be interested in submitting a nomination for the Dungeness Crab Task Force.

Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. on **January 30, 2009**.  
Submit all nominations to [rfisher@scc.ca.gov](mailto:rfisher@scc.ca.gov).