



50th Annual Zeke Grader Fisheries Forum
Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture
Chair: Senator Mike McGuire
Vice Chair: Assemblymember Diane Papan

October 1, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.
Capitol Swing Space, Room 2200
Live stream: <http://senate.ca.gov/>

1. Welcoming Remarks

Senator Mike McGuire, Committee Chair

2. State of the Fishery; Remarks from Agency and Department Leaders

Wade Crowfoot – Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency

Charlton Bonham – Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

3. Swimming Upstream: Challenges and Opportunities for California Salmon

Barry McCovey, Jr. – Fisheries Director, Yurok Tribe

George Bradshaw – President, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations

Charlie Schneider – Senior Project Manager, California Trout

4. Outlook for the 2025/2026 Dungeness Crab Season

Dr. Craig Shuman – Marine Region Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Lisa Damrosch – Executive Director, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations

Dick Ogg – Commercial Fisherman, Bodega Bay, California

Kate Kauer – Associate Director, Oceans Program, The Nature Conservancy

5. Help for Kelp and Beware of the Blob

Jenn Eckerle – Executive Director, Ocean Protection Council

Monica LeFlore – Science Officer, Ocean Science Trust

Dr. Marissa L. Baskett – Professor, University of California, Davis

6. Fishery Committee and Aquaculture Program Reports

Rachelle Fisher – Administrator, California Dungeness Crab Task Force

Darren Mierau – Chair, California Advisory Committee on Salmon and Steelhead Trout

Dr. Liz Whiteman – Executive Director, Ocean Science Trust

7. Public Comments

8. Closing Comments: Committee Chair and Members

9. Adjournment