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Hearing on delayed crab season today at 3 pm

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Santa Rosa, CA – Senator Mike McGuire, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, and Assemblymember Jim Wood, Committee Vice-Chair, are hosting a special hearing **TODAY** focused on the delayed opening of the Dungeness Crab season. The focus of discussion will be on public health issues, ocean conditions and the coastal fishing economy. A panel of leading experts - from across California - will be presenting on a variety of subjects related to the delayed start of season.

Here is the hearing information:

What: The California Dungeness and Rock Crab Fishery: Public Health, Ocean Conditions and Maintaining a Strong Coastal Economy

When: TODAY [December 3](#)

Where: Main Room of the Steele Lane Community Center, [415 Steele Ln., Santa Rosa, CA 95403](#)

Time: [3pm – 6pm](#)

Who: State & federal agency representatives, fishing industry representatives, leaders from the Dungeness Crab Task Force, North Coast elected officials and more.

Livestream links: The hearing will be livestreamed, available at <http://senate.ca.gov/> or <https://youtu.be/1zntQVViocw>

On the agenda: Presenters will include

- Charlton Bonham – Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Eric Sklar – Commissioner, California Fish and Game Commission
- Patrick Kennelly – Chief, Food Safety Section, California Department of Public Health
- Dave Mazzer, Ph.D. – Chief, Food and Drug Branch, California Department of Public Health
- Melanie Marty, Ph.D. – Acting Deputy Director for Scientific Affairs, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

- Cat Kuhlman – Executive Director, Ocean Protection Council/Deputy Secretary for Oceans and Coastal Policy, California Natural Resources Agency
- Valerie Termini – Fisheries Policy Advisor, Ocean Protection Council
- Don Marshall – Board Member, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations
- Gerry Hemmingsen – Supervisor, Del Norte County/Commercial Representative, Dungeness Crab Task Force
- Rick Gutierrez – Rock Crab Fishery, Santa Barbara Seafood Station
- Jim Yarnall – Recreational Representative, Dungeness Crab Task Force
- Joe Caito – President, Caito Fisheries
- Chuck Cappotto – President, Community Fishing Association of Bodega Bay

For more information on the crab fishery hearing, go to the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture website at <http://fisheries.legislature.ca.gov/>

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