

**Exhibit F**  
**Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery  
Regulations and Update on Proposed  
Limit Reference Point Policy**

**Supplemental Public Correspondence**

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**Subject:** FW: Testimony for OFW commission 8/1/14  
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Hi Amanda,

The attached pdf and email below is public testimony from the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission in regards to our crab exhibit. Let me know if I need to convert it into another format. Thanks,

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Hi Kelly,

Attached is our testimony in regard to the D/G program.

In addition, we would like to comment on the LRP and the season start issue:

We appreciate staff's hard work on helping the industry understand the necessity of having a Limited Reference Point (LRP) plan in place. This sort of plan is necessary for meeting the conditions to continue the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification for the fishery. The proposed plan also will give the OFW commission the ability to take necessary steps to insure that any future unforeseen declines in the fishery can be addressed and mitigated.

As a matter of safety and enforceability, starting the season during daylight hours seems to make sense. We don't see how this could negatively affect the fishery.

Thank you for presenting this to the commission. Please pass on our disappointment for not being able to be there in person.

Hopefully we will bring back the title “King of American Seafood” and the crown from New Orleans.

Best Wishes,

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August 1, 2014

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
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Dear Chair Levy:

The Oregon Dungeness crab fleet deploys upwards of 120k crab pots in the ocean annually between the Columbia River and the OR/CA border. Due to a variety of circumstances (i.e. winter storms, shipping traffic, entanglement, legitimate loss and in some cases, abandonment) not all those pots get brought back in to the dock at the end of the season, resulting in a derelict gear (D/G) problem that needs to be addressed.

Over the past five years, the ODCC has worked in partnership with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and independently on a variety of programs (i.e. volunteer D/G recovery weeks, end-of-season crab pot roundups, crab pot bounties, etc.) that have only been marginally successful and haven't generated the kind of fleet support and participation necessary to be truly effective or sustainable.

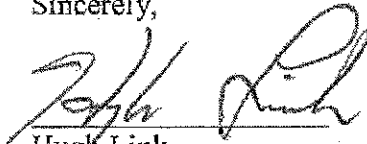
HB 3262 was passed this last year and has exempted derelict/abandoned commercial Dungeness crab pots left/found in the ocean after August 28<sup>th</sup> from Oregon's personal property laws for recovery purposes in an ODFW monitored program. The bill has allowed the industry to work with ODFW to create a post-season derelict gear clean-up program similar to the successful program implemented in WA-state as a result of legislation passed in 2009. Our belief is that the passing of HB 3262 and the corresponding program that has been developed with the industry will provide incentive to encourage crabbers to bring their gear in before someone else, who can then claim the pots (as their own), does it for them. At the same time, it will create a financial incentive for those fishermen willing to take the time and effort to go back out on the ocean at the end of the season and round up derelict gear during the recovery period.

The ODCC recognizes that it is only a matter of time before the state or federal government cracks down on the commercial fishing industry and forces it to deal with the derelict fishing gear problem through some type of regulatory action. We feel that an industry-based solution can be far more effective, from both cost and practicality perspectives, and stands a better chance of solving the problem in the long run.

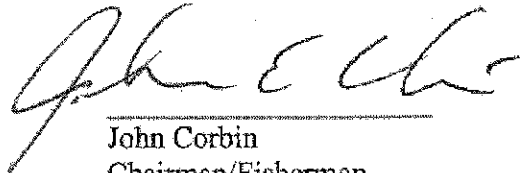
ODFW staff should be commended on the hard work they have done with outreach to the industry on behalf of building this program. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and shows the collaboration with the industry that sets Oregon's fisheries apart. With the steps that the commission and industry have already made (i.e. retention of crab in the D/G pots and retrieval rules), our state has made genuine progress towards a solution.

If the commission allows the proposed program to move forward today, it will signify another step in the right direction for the betterment of the fishery.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



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