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To Whom It May Concern:

A new statewide crab association was recently formed, and we ask for the support of all California Dungeness Crab permit holders, and all Dungeness Crab buyers and receivers.

Please see the attached membership forms.

This new association will immediately be responsible for hiring Ryan P. Steen of Stoel Rives, LLP to represent our crab fishery through the Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit process. Stoel Rives, LLP is a prominent law firm with extensive experience in representing industry groups in environmental law issues. Mr. Steen brings experience in fisheries biology, Endangered Species Act, marine mammal issues and the Incidental Take Permit process. He will also assist and advise CCCA and the State to achieve viable crabbing opportunities during the interim seasons covered by the CBD/BONHAM settlement, until a Take Permit has been granted.

The CCCA will be a focused effort to save our fishery. It WILL NOT interfere or attempt to duplicate the work of:

- the Tri-State Commission
- local marketing associations, inner-port conflicts or inter-fishery disputes.
- price negotiations
- the Dungeness Crab Task Force work on legislation or policy through the state Senate or Assembly
- PCFFA's diverse and important work advocating for fishermen in a variety of fisheries and fighting external threats to those fisheries, other than Dungeness crab.

The CCCA's ByLaws will include the following:

- an election will be held to elect Directors to the Board from the general membership during the first year of formation. Directors will serve two year terms. Elections will be staggered to insure continuity of purpose and effectiveness of the association.
- initial membership will be \$5/tag for permit holders and a similar minimum fee structure for receiver/buyer members based on average annual lbs of CA Dcrab. Bigger buyers will be encouraged to donate more.
- CCCA will hire Ryan Steen immediately so he can begin navigating the road ahead to successfully influence the process and advise us on how to focus our efforts. He will also research our legal position and be ready to litigate on our behalf if, necessary.
- CCCA has secured a placeholder for a seat on the Working Group which could be seated by one of us or our representative, e.g., a marine mammal expert or attorney.
- An elected CCCA board will include 7 members unless the membership votes to change its size through amendment to ByLaws.
- 6 Directors must be Calif Crab Vessel permit owners or a designated hired captain representing the owner, and 1 Director will be a member who is a designated representative of a Crab Buying or Receiving entity actively engaged in purchase, sale and/or receiving of California Dungeness Crab.
- **A general membership meeting will be held by early fall. We plan to have a statewide conference informational call within a month to field questions /concerns from members and prospective members.**



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Mission Statement

The California Coast Crab Association (CCCA) is a non-profit 501(c)(6) trade organization made up of commercial crab fishermen and crab buyers working together to protect and preserve the California Dungeness Crab fishery for the continued economic survival of the West Coast commercial fishing fleet and our coastal communities. The CCCA is a fishing industry-only group formed to be a strong, unified voice for policy development and science based fishery management with the goal of sustaining commercial fishing dependent coastal communities. We seek to make sure that California Dungeness Crab remains one of the most robust, sustainable fisheries in the world.

CCCA is not a marketing association and will not engage in crab price negotiations or inner-port issues. CCCA will also not interfere in inter-port issues, the Tri-State Commission or with the Dungeness Crab Task Force's work on rule making recommendations to the CDFW and State legislature. CCCA is the only self-funded CA Dcrab organization with no ties to environmental groups or NGO's. We endeavor to resolve all Dcrab issues to the benefit of the CA crab industry at large.

Planned Activities

The CCCA's top priority is to retain the services of a qualified and proven legal group to represent our position(s) in state and federal management of the California commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery. CCCA aims to hire political lobbying and public relations professional(s) and scientific experts to help us fight for the best possible outcome in state and federal policy. We hope to improve the public perception and political stature of the fishery. It will engage in litigation when necessary to further the goal of protecting, preserving, and sustaining the fishery for its members and their coastal communities.

Qualifications for Membership

- 1) Owner of valid California Limited Entry Dungeness Crab Vessel Permit; **or**, a hired captain designated by the Permit/Vessel Owner, who is actively engaged in the operation of the vessel in the California Dungeness Crab Fishery.
- 2) An individual or entity, or it's designated representative, licensed by the State of California as a California Multi-Function Fish Buyer, Wholesaler and/or Receiver, who is actively engaged in the purchase, sale or receiving of California Dungeness Crab.



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Membership Dues, *Buyer or Receiver*

Initial Membership dues for Processor/Wholesaler/Receiver:

- Class A: 0 -500,000 lbs. average annual Calif. Dungeness Crab purchased or received. Minimum \$750.00 initial membership fee.
- Class B: 500,000-2,000,000 lbs. average annual Calif. Dungeness Crab purchased or received. Minimum \$1,500.00 initial membership fee.
- Class C: 2,000,000 lbs. or more average annual Calif. Dungeness Crab purchased or received. Minimum \$3,000.00 initial membership fee

CCCA will sign Agreements with Member buyer and receiving entities prior to the start of the 2019/2020 season to deduct assessments from the crab deliveries of Members, and to match the amount of that assessment and pay the combined amount to CCCA on a quarterly basis. The % amount of assessment will be determined prior to the start of the 2019-2020 California Dungeness Crab season by recommendation of the Board, and determined by a vote of the general membership. The % of assessment can be changed by the CCCA prior to the start of each season thereafter, depending on the Board's recommendation of projected financial needs of the association and determined by a vote of the general membership.

Please make checks out to CCCA, and mail a signed membership application, or you may email a scanned copy of the application: info@cacoastcrabassociation.org

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Check each type of business that applies:

Multi-Function Fish Buyer (Processor): ___ Wholesaler ___ Receiver ___

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____