



## **West Coast Obstructions and Navigation Update (WCONU) Fall 2024 Biannual Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, November 1st, 2024, 1:00 pm**

Zoom

[wsg.washington.edu/crabber-towboat](https://wsg.washington.edu/crabber-towboat)

**Next hybrid meeting date:** Friday, March 7th - afternoon

### **Attached documents:**

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Dungeness Crab post-season report
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Dungeness Crab post-season report
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Dungeness Crab post-season report
- National Marine Weather Service (NWS) Marine Weather Update
- UW Ocean Observatories Initiative
- Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Areas to Be Avoided

### **Attendees**

Jenna Keeton (Washington Sea Grant), Robert Maw (Washington Sea Grant), Jennifer Hagen (Quileute Indian Tribe), Scott McMullen (Oregon Fishermen's Cable Committee), Ellie Brauer (CDFW), Matt George (WDFW), John Moriarty (USCG), Mike Rudolph (USCG), Jill Smith (ODFW), Matthew, Tia Gaudren (USCG), Chris Burling (NWS), Jamie Fuller (WDFW), Chris German (USCG), Brendan Harris (USCG), Lucia Ordonez (Vineyard Offshore), Erin Murray (Marine Stewardship Council), Steve Ackerman (Columbia River Bar Pilots), Brian Ittig (UW), Dale Beasley (Columbia River Crab Fishermen's Association, Coalition for Coastal Fisheries), Tim Tees (Sailor), Katie Wrubel (Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary), Bob Edder (OR crabber)

### **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) - Dungeness Crab post-season report**

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Q1: Why the decline in catch in the northern area?

A1: No clear understanding, lots of sea otters, food range, and toxic events.

Electronic Monitoring - overlay of pots fished and towlanes. Data share agreements may prohibit some sharing of pot locations. Some proactive monitoring and notification for fishers who are in tow lanes.

### **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) - Dungeness Crab post-season report**

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Jill Smith is the new contact for derelict gear - please reach out for any findings or locations of gear.

### **California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) - Dungeness Crab post-season report**

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Domoic acid update from California - Bodega Bay and up north with a few issues.

### **National Marine Weather Service (NWS) - Marine Weather Update**

See attached PDF

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Buoy 29 is back in service. Buoys out include 89, 15, 2 - all three scheduled for service by the end of November. Updates - more detailed marine forecast, wave details are included, wind wave and swell for all three periods. New features with the new Interactive Marine forecast tool - demo provided. More detail on the zone level forecast. Customizable based upon your parameters.

### **University of Washington - Ocean Observatories Initiative**

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Q1: How to combine towlane map and NANOOS resource to display fixed assets and moorings on and in the water.

### **USCG - Pacific-Port Access Route Study Update**

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Related to the fairways, an Environmental Impact Study is being contracted and hopefully by end of 2025 USCG will have the study done and then open to public comment. Potential including the fairways in 2026 and being official.

### **Quileute Indian Tribe - Scientific Moorings Update**

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There are two new buoys off La Push - wave height sensors just off state water. Still hypoxia conditions near Destruction Island. Please be aware of assets and moorings in the water. <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/erddap/index.html>

## **Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary - Areas to Be Avoided**

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There has been a precipitous drop in voluntary compliance for transiting the area.

<https://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/protect/incidentresponse/atba.html>

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