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WEST COAST ENTANGLEMENT SCIENCE WORKSHOP

A 5-PART VIRTUAL SERIES AUGUST 25-SEPT 3
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The Entanglement Science Workshop will inform development of management strategies to reduce whale and sea turtle entanglement risk within US West Coast fixed-gear fisheries. The event is being co-hosted by The Nature Conservancy and the California Ocean Protection Council, in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and state fishery managers from California, Oregon and Washington. The workshop will feature presentations by researchers and targeted discussions with invited fishery managers and fishing industry and NGO stakeholders actively working to reduce risk of entanglement in West Coast fisheries. The workshop will be held as a 5-part series of virtual modules over the course of two weeks, August 25th-September 3rd. Participation in all modules is encouraged, but not mandatory.

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 TO RECEIVE CALENDAR INVITATIONS AND WORKSHOP MATERIALS*

Through a combination of presentations and discussions, workshop participants will:

- ⇒ Review and preview the best available science on understanding, preventing, and reducing entanglement risk in West Coast fixed-gear fisheries. This research spans the range of marine species of management concern (humpback whales, blue whales, leatherback sea turtles), including monitoring and forecasting species movements, oceanographic and forage conditions, socioeconomics, fishing dynamics, and management strategy evaluation.
- ⇒ Identify near-term opportunities to apply best available science to management frameworks, including Conservation Plans in Dungeness crab fisheries, as well as possible use in additional West Coast fixed-gear fisheries.
- ⇒ Identify research needs to improve application of available science to management frameworks and opportunities for improved coordination and collaboration amongst researchers, managers, fishing industry and NGOs, across West Coast states
- ⇒ Discuss opportunities to overcome barriers to gear innovation through a special session on gear innovation.

The recorded workshop will result in a public report featuring presentation summaries, discussion highlights & outcomes.

Workshop Agenda Overview	
Tuesday, Aug 25th 9:00am-1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CA-OR-WA management frameworks for entanglement risk in the commercial Dungeness crab fishery ➤ Forecasting and monitoring marine species dynamics (Part I)
Thursday, Aug 27th 9:00am-1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Forecasting and monitoring marine species dynamics (Part II) ➤ Forecasting and monitoring fishing dynamics
Tuesday, Sept 1st 9:00am-12:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Entanglement science ➤ Socio-economic considerations
Tuesday, Sept 1st 2:00pm-4:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Special Topic: Overcoming barriers to gear innovations
Thursday, Sept 3rd 9:00am-1:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Evaluating management strategies ➤ Closing discussion

Note: Oceanographic and forage research included in 'forecasting and monitoring marine species dynamics'.

*We hope to allow for broad participation in the workshop; however, there may be capacity limitations based on the online platform. Sharing your interest will help the planning team accommodate as many participants as possible. Full registration link here: <https://form.jotform.com/201906789551161>.

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