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### **Press Advisory:**

## **Speakers announced for hearing on crab season, domoic acid levels and first ever State Hearing on Aquaculture to be held in Bodega Bay**

*Informational hearing will also include update and briefings on outlook of upcoming Dungeness & Rock Crab seasons*

**Sacramento, CA** – Senator Mike McGuire, chairman of the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, and Congressman Jared Huffman will convene a special hearing tomorrow - [Tuesday, October 4](#) - at the Bodega Marine Laboratory to hear an update from scientists and fishery experts on the upcoming California crab season and take an in-depth look at the aquaculture industry in California.

This hearing – “**Crab Season Outlook for 2016-17 and Modern Aquaculture in California**” – will be the first time that the Joint Committee has focused primarily on Aquaculture, which can be thought of as “farming in water.” The farmed fish, oysters and seaweed industry is larger than ever and panelists will explore finfish, shellfish, inland production and perspectives from state agencies. The public is encouraged to attend.

The hearing will be held [from 1 to 4 p.m. tomorrow Tuesday, October 4](#) at the [Bodega Marine Laboratory](#) in Bodega Bay, California. The hearing will be streamed live at [www.senate.ca.gov](http://www.senate.ca.gov). The public is welcome to attend.

#### **Legislative Panel Members:**

- *Senator Mike McGuire*, Committee Chairman
- *Congressman Jared Huffman*

#### **2016- 2017 Crab Season Briefing:**

- *Raphael Kudela, PhD.* - Lynn Professor of Ocean Health, University of California Santa Cruz will give an update on domoic acid levels throughout coastal waters
- *Sonke Mastrup* - Environmental Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Wildlife will provide a briefing on how the Agency is preparing for crab season
- *Patrick Kennelly* - Chief, Food Safety Section, California Department of Public Health will provide a briefing on how the Department is preparing for crab season

## **Aquaculture Hearing:**

### **Industry Overview Panel**

- *Anthonie Schuur* - President, California Aquaculture Association

### **Offshore Finfish Panel**

- *Don Kent* - President and Chief Executive Officer, Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute
- *Steve Gaines, PhD.* - Dean and Professor, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management

### **Shellfish Panel**

- *John Finger* - Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Hog Island Oyster Company
- *Greg Dale* - Southwest Operations Manager, Coast Seafood Company

### **Inland Production Panel**

- *Tony Vaught* - President, Professional Aquaculture Services
- *Ken Beer* - President and Chief Executive Officer, The Fishery

### **State and Federal Agency Panel**

- *Randy Lovell* - State Aquaculture Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- *Diane Windham* - Aquaculture Coordinator California, NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region

For more information about the Fisheries and Aquaculture Hearing visit the Committee web site at: <http://fisheries.legislature.ca.gov>

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