

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bailey, Bentz, Galizio, Gilliam, Holvey, Thatcher, Witt, Read
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates the Dungeness crab as the official crustacean of Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Only two states currently have an official crustacean: Louisiana (crayfish) and Maryland (blue crab)
- Minimal impact harvest methods support a sustainable economic driver within Oregon's coastal communities
- Oregon is currently the number one producer of Dungeness crab in the world

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Dungeness crab fishery is one of the few remaining state managed fisheries in the country. While most fisheries are regulated under Federal Fisheries Management Plans by regional management councils, the Dungeness crab fishery in Oregon is managed by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW).

HJR 37 started as a class project in Ms. Buzbee's 4th grade class at Sunset Primary School in West Linn, Oregon. The students were studying states and found that Louisiana had a state crustacean but Oregon did not. They learned that because of sustainable harvest methods, the Dungeness crab is the most valuable single-species fishery in Oregon. The measure is an opportunity to highlight the importance of the Dungeness crab fishery to Oregon, as well as provide an example to the state of how an idea from school children can make its way through the legislative process.