



July 16, 2009

Dear friends,

The 8th Annual Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival (DCSF) will take place Saturday and Sunday, October 10-11, 2009. The festival will be held at the Port Angeles City Pier and Port Angeles Red Lion Hotel, located on the Strait of Juan de Fuca at the foot of Lincoln Street, with plenty of free parking within a few blocks. There is no admission charge to the festival.

The Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival is the annual celebration of the region's diverse bounty -- maritime, agricultural, forestry, Native American, and cultural traditions of the Olympic Peninsula. The Festival is co-produced by Olympic Peninsula Celebrations (OPC), and the Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce. Olympic Peninsula Celebrations is a Washington State nonprofit corporation and is dedicated to preserving, sharing, and celebrating the history, traditions, and cultures of the Olympic Peninsula.

The festival's featured crustacean was named after the village of Dungeness (near Port Angeles), where the oldest known commercial shellfish fishery of the North American Pacific coast began in 1848. Oregon, Alaska, and California have taken advantage of the Dungeness crab market. Our goal is to promote the Dungeness crab and the opportunities for marketing, promotion, and international tourism opportunities. People all over the world love Dungeness crab and we bring them to Port Angeles at the beginning of the local crab season to eat crab, and share all of the great foods and products of the Olympic Peninsula.

We are accepting applications from craftspeople and merchants, especially from the Pacific Northwest. Please check our web site at www.crabfestival.org for more information about the festival.

If you are interested in the festival, please review and send in the enclosed application, and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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