



## Olympic Peninsula Celebrations & the Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce

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### Press Release

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### **Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival – Home Of The Dungeness Crab! October 11-13, 2013**

**Port Angeles, Wash. July 26, 2013 – Get Ready...Here Comes The Crab!** Taste the bounty of the Olympic coast and savor the riches from our sparkling blue waters, magical forests, and organic farms at the **12th Annual Dungeness Crab and Seafood Festival**, Friday-Sunday, October 11-13, 2013 in Port Angeles, Wash. “Crabfest” is the annual celebration of our region’s diverse bounty - the seafood, agriculture and maritime traditions, and the breathtaking coastal environment that is home to the Dungeness Crab. The Festival takes place downtown at the Port Angeles City Pier, Gateway Center, and Red Lion Hotel overlooking the beautiful Strait of Juan de Fuca. Hours are 10am-8:30pm on Saturday and 10am-5pm on Sunday. Admission is free and the big top tent provides covered seating.

Crabfest” is one on of the best seafood festivals in the county: The American Bus Association has named the Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival one of the *Top 100 Events in North America*, and Coastal Living Magazine named the Festival one of the *Top 10 Coastal Events*. And how many events can say that they were a *Jeopardy* question? We were!

#### **It’s All About Great Food and the Freshest Crab!**

In the 9,000 square foot **Kitsap Bank Crab Central** food tent, visitors will find an old-fashioned “crab feed” complete with large kettles of fresh whole crabs ready to be served with fresh corn and cole slaw. The crabs are caught live and come fresh from local waters – you cannot get fresher crab! At Crab Central and throughout the grounds the bounty from fifteen local and regional restaurants provides visitors with great eating including: crab cakes, grilled wild salmon, fish tacos, crab enchiladas, crab Rangoon, clam chowder, crab bisque, seafood gumbo, northwest paella, fish & chips, crab puppies, barbecue oysters, oyster shooters, steamed clams, oyster stew, mussels, grilled scallops, and more. The bounty...and the tastes...are endless! There is live music and Olympic Peninsula wine tasting and northwest micro-brews, and the Peninsula’s own Bedford Sodas.

#### **The Gateway Center**

The Columbia Bank Gateway Center is home to the **Chef Demonstration Stage**, featuring on-going cooking demonstrations by outstanding local and regional chefs, our outdoor wine garden, more food booths, and exhibits.

#### **Crab Revival**

The Crab Revival is Sunday morning from 9am-10:30. The program will include a non-denominational service directed by Michael Rivers, gospel music from the Peninsula Men’s Gospel Singers, Michael Rivers and other local musicians, plus great breakfast. Join us for a spiritual morning and an uplifting start to Sunday.

## **Fun For Families!**

“Get crabbing” during **the First Federal and Wilder Auto Grab-A-Crab Tank Derby, Saturday** from 10am-5pm, and Sunday from 10am-4pm! Located on the Port Angeles Pier, the entire family can participate in this unorthodox derby by crabbing from large holding tanks using crab snares and bait. The \$5 entry fee allows participants to crab for 10 minutes, no license or gear needed. Festival volunteers will be on hand to demonstrate how to catch, cook and clean the famous crustaceans. Purchase whole crabs to take home cooked or uncooked.

## **Feiro Marina Life Center**

Stop by the **Feiro Marina Life Center** for a hands-on educational experience or to enjoy children’s activities. Also on the Pier, browse more than 60 craft and merchant booths, children’s activities, family friendly food, and picnic tables. Don’t miss the raptor demonstration and “ambassador birds” from the Northwest Raptor and Wildlife Center.

## **Athletics**

The Peninsula College Athletic Department is a great Crabfest partner. Saturday and Sunday on Hollywood Beach is the **Crabfest Sand Volleyball Tournament**, Saturday is the **Crabfest 5-K Fun Run/Walk** with proceeds supporting the women’s basketball program. And when you get your Crab Derby crabs cleaned and packed to go, the men’s basketball team does the work and proceeds go to their travel fund. And every night the soccer team cleans Crab Central, a very important job.

## **Buy Crab to Go Throughout the Festival**

You can purchase fresh cooked chilled and cleaned crab to take home or back to your local accommodations (cooked crab can be taken to Canada).

## **Getting Here**

There are several way to get to Port Angeles: Drive route 101 to Port Angeles; fly Kenmore Air Express with connections to SeaTac and the world; and visitors from Canada will find special packages on the Coho Ferry from Victoria, which docks right next to the Festival!

## **Information**

The Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival is produced by Olympic Peninsula Celebrations, a Washington State non-profit corporation, and the Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce.

For more information including transportation, accommodations, directions and the detailed program, please go to our website at [www.crabfestival.org](http://www.crabfestival.org), e-mail [info@crabfestival.org](mailto:info@crabfestival.org), or phone 360-452-6300.

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