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### Press Release

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#### PROVOCATIVE MARINE EDUCATION ART PROGRAM A FOCUS OF 2014 DUNGENESS CRAB & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

**Port Angeles, Wash., August 2, 2014** – A truly one-of-a-kind arts event will be featured at the **Dungeness Crab and Seafood Festival** this year...local artists will take the ever-burgeoning amount of marine debris in our oceans and rivers and bring it to festival-goers for three days of thought-provoking, fascinating, and unusual artistic statements.

***The Marine Debris Art Project—from Trash to Treasures***, led by artists Sarah Tucker and Jennifer Bright, who feature not only their own depth of art and experience but also the work of four local artists who will share their work during the Festival, Friday October 10-Sunday October 12 on the waterfront in Port Angeles.

Each work of art will not only be available for all to see, but also to choose which piece moved you the most, or caught your imagination and eye...YOU will help us choose the *Marine Debris Art Project* artist for 2014.

The art created for “CrabFest” not only causes us to focus on our role and the toxicity of marine waste, but also asks us to participate in the process! Using pre-gathered material (we clean it all), artist and project coordinator Sarah Tucker will engage festival-goers...children and adults...to create a crab sculpture to not only memorialize our event but to keep these critical environmental issues in the forefront of our minds and eco-decisions.

We want to educate the community about our marine environment and we will be showing Washington CoastSavers traveling exhibit, *“Bottles, Foam and Rope: Talking Trash on the Washington Coast.”* ([www.coastsavers.org](http://www.coastsavers.org)) Marine debris is trash that somehow ends up in the ocean. Recognize this plastic water bottle? It could be the one you threw away several months ago - not at the beach, but at your home! It just blew out of your garbage, landed in a nearby waterway, and floated out to the coast. Now it's degrading and poisoning our coastal wildlife. Or maybe a commercial fishing boat lost some gear in one of our notorious winter storms. No matter where you live or what kind of work you do, marine debris is everyone's problem.

The artists participating in the project include: Tammy Hall, a long-time Port Angeles artist with multi-media pieces featuring collage, driftwood, oil, and many others; Regie A Saxerud, an artist of 40 years producing a span of art including digital photo manipulation, photography, drumming, and dance for

communities, charities, friends and family; Richard Stephens, with 11 years as a costume and set designer and studio shows, says "...raising awareness of global marine pollution by fabricating a piece of art from washed up beach debris" will be a thrill and a challenge; Dani Lablond, a fourth generation Port Angeles artist with B.A. in Fine Arts and a Masters degree in education who loves to share her art through teaching; Jennifer Bright, project coordinator Jennifer Bright, project coordinator brings her masters degree in marine biology and her passion for the natural world together with her fascination of deep-sea organisms and creates art and is working on a newly commissioned 7' jelly fish for the project that will hang in Kitsap Bank Crab Central; and Sarah Tucker, project coordinator brings her 15 years of multi-arts experience in Port Angeles, especially working with recycled and repurposed materials including several recently completed marine debris sculptures for the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary ([www.olympiccoast.noaa.gov](http://www.olympiccoast.noaa.gov)) and on display at the Olympic Coast Discovery Center located in the Landing Mall and on view during the Festival Saturday and Sunday from 10am-5pm.

Studio Bob, located on the second floor of the historic 118 ½ E. Front St building will be presenting *The Marine Debris Group Art Show* featuring art of all sizes and dimensions created from marine debris collected along shores, beaches and banks by local artists and clean-up volunteers. The Marine Debris Group Art Show will open Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm. The show continues on Sunday and Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm, .There is no admission charge and refreshments are available in the adjacent wine and beer bar, The Loom.

Join all of us in the celebration of art over toxicity and waste...engage in the art of *THE MARINE DEBRIS ART PROJECT—FROM TRASH TO TREASURES* at Hollywood Beach, next to the Feiro Marine Science Center ([www.feiomarinelifecenter.org](http://www.feiomarinelifecenter.org)) on the festival grounds. Hours are Friday October 10 from 12:30pm-6pm, Saturday October 11 from 10am-6pm, and Sunday October 12 from 10am-5pm.

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 details including transportation, accommodations, directions and the full program, please visit 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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