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## The Fishin' Company signs MOA with the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission

### *Major US Importer Supports MSC Pre-assessment Efforts of the ODCC*

Munhall, PA – February 26, 2018 – The Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission (ODCC) and The Fishin' Company have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to support the MSC pre-assessment process for the Oregon Dungeness Crab Fishery. To support this effort, The Fishin' Company has committed financial resources and personnel to work alongside the fishery throughout the process.

ForSea Solutions of Portland, Oregon will be providing technical consulting and working directly with the ODCC through the process. "This is an exciting opportunity for our organization to work with the Oregon Dungeness crab fishery, to showcase their sustainable fishing practices and help them achieve this certification milestone by providing our technical guidance," said Natalia Novikova, Founder of ForSea Solutions.

"The Oregon Dungeness crab fishery is committed to a sustainable fishery through proven methods of management. They are focused on continuous improvement through science-based research and we believe the ODCC should be recognized for this and are excited to place our support behind them," said Justin Baugh, Director of Sustainability for The Fishin' Company.

Hugh Link, Executive Director of the ODCC said "We look forward to completing the process and prove once again that the Oregon Dungeness crab fishery is truly a well managed, sustainable fishery. We look forward to working with ForSea Solutions and the Fishin' Company through the process and appreciate their expertise and knowledge."

#### **About The Fishin' Company**

The Fishin' Company is a certified minority-owned company established in 2002 by owner and CEO, Manish Kumar. Today, The Fishin' Company is a major buyer of North American Dungeness and Snow Crab, the largest importer of Tilapia in the world, and consistently one of the largest importers of frozen fish. Fishin has offices and processing sites located around the world.

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#### **About the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission**

The Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission is an industry-funded agency and part of the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Commodity Commission Program. The Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission's stated mission is to enhance the image of the Dungeness crab industry, and to increase opportunities for profitability through promotion, education and research.

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#### **About ForSea Solutions**

ForSea Solutions provides seafood sustainability technical consulting to the fishing industry, serving as a liaison between local fishing communities and the global industry to help unlock their market value. Using mechanisms of fishery improvement projects (FIPs) and ecological certification schemes, ForSea Solutions

conducts expert assessments of fisheries seeking recognition in the seafood market for performing sustainably through adopting responsible fishery management practices.

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