



New Commercial Crab Project Leader for ODFW

Hello all,

I'm pleased to announce that Cathleen Vestfals has accepted a promotion to the Commercial Crab Project Leader position with the Marine Resources Program. Cathleen has spent the last three years as the State Fishery Management Assistant Project Leader, gaining valuable fisheries management experience by analyzing, developing, and implementing management measures and regulations, conducting public meetings, and coordinating advisory bodies, mainly for the commercial nearshore and market squid fisheries. Early in her career, Cathleen spent seven years as a North Pacific fisheries observer and lead observer. She went on to earn her MS in Marine Resource Management (Identifying canary rockfish habitat factors off Washington and Oregon using environmental data and trawl logbooks) and PhD in Oceanography (Effects of environmental variability on slope-spawning flatfish in the eastern Bering Sea) from Oregon State University. After earning her PhD, she worked to model drivers of Pacific whiting recruitment, which included organizing science/stakeholder workshops to obtain local ecological knowledge to incorporate into the model. She will begin in her new position on December 15 and will be moving from the North Annex to the main HMSC MRP office soon after.

Please help me welcome Cathleen her new position and the commercial crab team!

Thanks,

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