

## **Dungeness now official ‘State Crustacean’!**

With the passage of HJR 37, the Oregon Legislature added Dungeness crab to the state ‘Blue Book’ as the official ‘State Crustacean’, joining the likes of the Douglas fir tree, the hazelnut and the American beaver as iconic symbols of Oregon’s beauty and bounty.

The idea to elevate the popular crab’s status came from Natalie Bruun and her 4th grade classmates at Sunset Primary School in West Linn, OR. Turning the project into a biology, culinary, economics, and civics lesson all wrapped up in one, the students petitioned the Legislature to designate a state crustacean after realizing that two other coastal states (Maryland and Louisiana) had duly recognized their famous crustaceans.

