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New Organization Takes the Helm of **The Dungeness Crab Festival**: formally the Dungeness Crab and Seafood Festival.

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After overseeing the Dungeness Crab & Seafood Festival as one of its founders and the director for 23 years, Scott Nagel passes the event reins to *The Dungeness Crab Festival*. In his years as director, Nagel has guided the event through challenging economic events, fluctuating crab prices, and a global pandemic. The Dungeness Crab and Seafood Festival has long been regarded as one of the highlight, legacy events of the North Olympic Peninsula and draws crowds from far and wide.

The festival, scheduled for October 11-13, 2024, at the Port Angeles Waterfront / Red Lion Hotel, will continue Nagel's legacy with an exciting lineup of events and a renewed commitment to community engagement. The initial board of directors are Victoria Jones, Neil Conklin, Michael McQuay, and Rose Thompson, all local business owners with decades of festival experience under their belts. The new festival committee is devoted to reinvigorating longstanding partnerships with local non-profits, Native American tribes, civic organizations, local schools, and both the City of Port Angeles and Clallam County. These community partnerships will amplify the economic, cultural, and marketing impact of The Dungeness Crab Festival.

Event Highlights:

The Dungeness Crab Festival will continue to offer a vibrant hub of experiences, including:

- Fresh Dungeness Crab and seafood from local tribes
- Agriculture showcase with organic produce from the Olympic Peninsula's farms
- Environmental education initiatives by Feiro Marine Life Center, NOAA, Coast Guard, and more
- Arts celebration featuring native crafts and modern works by local artists
- Fine wines and microbrews tasting
- Family-friendly programs and foods for kids
- Music and dance on multiple stages
- Demonstrations by the Coast Guard, Native American canoes, and more

Community Commitment:

The Dungeness Crab Festival remains dedicated to fostering cultural awareness, promoting tourism, and contributing to economic development in Clallam County. Net proceeds from the festival will be distributed to local organizations involved in its organization, reinforcing the spirit of community engagement.

Future Growth:

With an ambitious goal of attracting 15,000 attendees in 2024 and incrementally increasing to a capacity target of 30,000, The Dungeness Crab Festival is poised for continued growth and success.

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