



Call for Culinary Teams for the *Great Newport Wild Seafood Cook-Off*

One thousand dollars in prize money and the title of *Best at the Bay* is on the line in the *Great Newport Wild Seafood Cook-Off* on Saturday, September 11 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Port Dock 7 on Newport's Historic Bayfront. The *Cook-Off* is the grand centerpiece of a major new coastal event called the *Newport Wild Seafood Weekend*

Billed as *The Battle at the Bay with the Catch of the Day*, twelve professional teams will be competing for \$500 first place money, \$250 second place & \$100 third place cash. Eight amateur teams will vie for \$500 first place money & \$250 second place. *People's Choice Award* prizes will consist of \$300 first place money, \$150 second place as voted on by the paying public. Winning recipes will be published in the News-Times, The Oregonian and the popular Newport Fishermen's Wives cookbook. The public will be sampling your seafood creations. Judges will include recognized culinary professionals and media celebrities.

Teams entering the *Cook-Off* will receive all the seafood needed to cook their entry, if using one of four types being provided by the *Newport Fishermen's Wives*. These will be Dungeness Crab, Oregon Pink Shrimp, Oregon Sole, Oregon Albacore & Alaskan Cod. Other seafood can be used if supplied by the individual chef and is **“wild seafood; caught and processed in the US.”** Entry fees are \$50 for amateur teams and \$100 for professional. Each entry will have a special booth at which you will be allowed to promote your group or business with any printed material and booth decorations (such as banners). **Each entry will receive a \$75 Fred Meyer gift card to help purchase your other needed ingredients.**

The *Newport Wild Seafood Weekend* will feature in addition to the *Great Newport Wild Seafood Cook-Off*, Sunday's *The Wild Brunch*, a delicious wild seafood dining experience on the Bayfront overlooking Newport's diverse fishing fleet. Sunday will also feature *The Wild Seafood Public Market* where the public can connect with fishermen and buy fresh wild seafood. Saturday and Sunday will include the *Wild Fish Walk* where the public can buy directly from the fishermen at the docks and many vendors will be on hand selling fishing themed gifts, art, clothing, books and more plus food and drinks.

If you would like to enter a culinary team, call Maria Rock of the *Newport Fishermen's Wives* at 541-961-1298 or email Maria at fishermenswives@yahoo.com.