

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
*WDFW Region Six Office*  
*Montesano, WA*  
*October 10, 2018*  
*9:00 AM*

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions/Review Agenda (9:00 – 9:15)
  - a. Purpose of the meeting
2. Coastal Crab Industry Survey (9:15 – 10:15)
  - a. Results
  - b. Next Steps (electronic monitoring timeline)
3. Tri-State Meeting Review (10:15 – 10:30)
4. 2017 – 2018 Catch Update (10:30 – 10:45)
5. 2018- 2019 Pre-Season Testing Schedule (10:45 – 11:00)
6. Recreational Crab Rule Change (11:00 – 11:30)

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Coastal Commercial Dungeness Crab Advisory Board Meeting  
 Montesano, WA

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	Name	Phone	E-Mail
1.	Dwight EAGER		
2.	Dale Beasley		
3.	Zod L. Blue		
4.	PAUL BURRILL		
5.	Gerrit Grillo		
6.	Matt Finley		
7.	GARY THEUR		
8.	Brian Toste		
9.	Michele Culver - WDFW		
10.	Heather Hall (Reed) WDFW		
11.	Dan Hayes WDFW		
12.			
13.			

**RESULTS OF AUGUST 2018 SURVEY OF WASHINGTON COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB LICENSES HOLDERS AND ALTERNATE OPERATORS**

SURVEY QUESTIONS	RESPONSES BY CATEGORY (% that answered yes)				
	ALL SURVEY RESPONDENTS	ALL LICENSE OWNERS	OWNERS ONLY (not operators)	OWNER / OPERATORS	NON-OWNER (listing either primary or alternate operator)
A total of 428 surveys were mailed out via US mail. A copy of the survey was also posted on line and those who received an email copy were provided a link that they could use to fill out the survey on line. We received 76 paper versions and 20 were submitted via our web site for a total of 96 surveys returned. This equals a response rate of 22%.	53%	48%	24%	68%	68%
<b>Vessel Designation Change</b> In 2010, WDFW worked with the coastal Dungeness crab industry to revise RCW 77.70.350 to allow vessel designation changes once per year (September 15 to September 15). Do you support a legislative change that would extend the period for vessel designations to once every two years (September 15 to September 15)? Any changes would maintain the current exemption for vessels that are lost or in disrepair.	73%	72%	77%	68%	76%
<b>Temporary Pot Limits in the Area North of Klipsan Beach</b> In general, do you support the use of temporary reduced pot limits if the state fishery could open earlier?	61%	67%	70%	64%	46%
Do you support a temporary pot limit that is reduced by 20% if it shortens the head start by one week?	41%	36%	30%	42%	52%
Do you support a temporary pot limit that is reduced by 40% if it shortens the head start by more than two weeks?	65%	65%	83%	50%	64%
In rare circumstances, similar to the last two crab seasons, when crab is in good condition (meat recovery and no domoic acid) in Washington but, the majority of the west coast, including Oregon and California, remain closed, would you support opening the area between Point Chehalis and Klipsan Beach only? Any opening in this area would not only be subject to Tri-State Fair Start Provisions, but likely also significantly reduced pots limits and other fair start rules when the area north of Point Chehalis opens.	64%	66%	71%	61%	60%
<b>Temporary Pot Limits in the Area South of Klipsan Beach</b> Do you support expanding the temporary pot limit in the area south of Klipsan Beach, starting with a lower pot limit than is in place now and gradually increasing the number of pots allowed over a longer period of time (e.g., thru March 31)?	65%	61%	73%	51%	72%
<b>Electronic Monitoring</b> Electronic vessel monitoring systems are widely used in many commercial fisheries. An electronic monitoring program for the coastal Dungeness crab fishery could significantly improve regulating pot limits, reduce pot theft, and may open the door to increased time and area where state and tribal fisheries fish together. In general, do you support the use of electronic monitoring in the coastal Dungeness crab fishery?	96	69	31	38	25
<b>TOTAL RESPONDENTS IN THIS CATEGORY</b>					

\* 31 respondents (32%) indicated they fish primarily south of Klipsan; 68% supported expanding temporary pot limits south of Klipsan.  
 \* 60 respondents (24%) indicated they fish primarily north of Klipsan; 72% supported temporary pot limits north of Klipsan; 65% supported a 20% reduction and 45% a 40% reduction.  
 \* 23 respondents (24%) indicated they fish primarily north of Grays Harbor; 89% supported temporary pot limits north of Klipsan. 52% supported a 20% reduction and 52% a 40% reduction.

**State Coastal Dungeness Catch South of Point Chehalis (Areas 60A2, 60C, 60D, and 61) and Coastwide Total**

Season	60A2	60C	60D	61	Total	State Total	State-Tribal Total
2006-07	4,610,994	653,934	2,999	861,628	6,129,555	11,562,927	14,274,295
2007-08	4,868,019	490,919	0	1,214,040	6,572,978	12,171,037	15,312,554
2008-09	4,181,107	479,539	13,913	1,202,195	5,876,754	8,307,935	10,360,745
2009-10	6,246,590	578,262	0	2,097,873	8,922,725	12,989,135	16,621,945
2010-11	8,216,717	1,189,981	24,018	1,654,693	11,085,409	16,730,893	21,778,506
2011-12	4,496,164	625,042	0	1,215,446	6,336,652	8,624,498	10,798,905
2012-13	7,066,155	638,027	0	1,440,622	9,144,804	13,959,345	18,523,645
2013-14	6,046,772	431,878	0	1,648,439	8,127,089	9,468,301	11,550,890
2014-15	4,650,694	431,600	4,911	1,289,607	6,376,812	7,495,952	9,244,531
2015-16	7,821,454	406,882	926	1,953,673	10,182,935	12,067,666	13,947,701
2016-17	9,030,419	824,764	0	2,126,164	11,981,347	16,426,642	20,129,675
2017-18	6,733,735	625,439	7,700	2,403,934	9,770,808	12,408,710	15,056,516

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Notes: Catch through Sept 15

**State and Tribal Coastal Dungeness Catch North of Point Chehalis (Areas 59A1, 59A2, 60A1, and 60B)**

Season	State		Tribal		Total Catch
	Catch	Percent	Catch	Percent	
2006-07	5,433,372	67%	2,711,368	33%	8,144,740
2007-08	5,598,059	64%	3,141,517	36%	8,739,576
2008-09	2,431,181	55%	2,015,772	45%	4,446,953
2009-10	4,066,410	53%	3,632,810	47%	7,699,220
2010-11	5,645,484	53%	5,047,613	47%	10,693,097
2011-12	2,287,846	51%	2,174,407	49%	4,462,253
2012-13	4,814,541	51%	4,564,300	49%	9,378,841
2013-14	1,341,212	39%	2,083,201	61%	3,424,413
2014-15	1,119,140	39%	1,748,579	61%	2,867,719
2015-16	1,884,731	50%	1,880,035	50%	3,764,766
2016-17	4,445,413	55%	3,703,033	45%	8,148,446
2017-18	2,637,902	50%	2,647,806	50%	5,285,708

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# WDFW Dungeness Crab Test Fishing Schedule 2018

## *Pre-Test 2018*

Long Beach Areas	
Oct. 21	Set gear
Oct.22	Pull gear

Westport Areas	
Oct. 23	Set gear
Oct. 24	Pull gear

## *First Round 2018*

Northern Areas	
Nov. 4	Set gear
Nov.5	Pull gear

Long Beach Areas	
Nov. 5	Set gear
Nov. 6	Pull gear

Westport Areas	
Nov. 6	Set gear
Nov. 7	Pull gear

# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

## Rulemaking Process for Proposed Changes to Coastal Recreational Crab Season

### WDFW Mission

To preserve, protect and perpetuate fish, wildlife and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

### Rulemaking Process

- Dec 27, 2017 Petition submitted to WDFW to revise coastal recreational crab seasons for Dungeness and red rock crab to year-round for pot gear and crab rings; triggered 60-day deadline for Commission to respond (Feb 25, 2018).
- Jan 3, 2018 Petition forwarded to staff; Commission action tentatively scheduled for Feb 2, 2018, meeting.
- Jan 5, 2018 Heather Reed contacted petitioner and listened to his concerns; indicated difficulty in recommending a change without public process and ability to consider other alternatives; committed to follow through with process.
- Petitioner contacted Commission office and formally withdrew the petition.
- Apr 13, 2018 Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board (comprised of commercial fishery harvesters and buyers) meeting in Montesano; Heather explained the petition process and the proposal received. There was no support for a year-round recreational fishery (outside of the Columbia River where that is status quo), but advisors indicated a willingness to consider additional recreational opportunity.
- July 12, 2018 Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board meeting in Montesano; Heather explained the FWC process and suggested moving the recreational start date to Nov 15.
- July 23, 2018 Proposed rule language (CR-102) filed.
- Sep <sup>6</sup>~~10~~, 2018 Proposed rule language provided to Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board.
- Sep 14, 2018 Fish and Wildlife Commission briefing with public comment opportunity; petitioner testified in favor of the proposed rule change; Advisory Board member requested additional time to review and consider proposal before rule adoption.
- Commission decided to delay decision until Oct 15, 2018 meeting; written public comments accepted until then.
- Oct 10, 2018 Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board meeting; included this item on the agenda for briefing and notification of public comment opportunity.