

Puget Sound Dungeness Crab Fishery Alternatives

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission has selected three alternatives (below) for recreational crab seasons, as part of its review of the existing management policy for Puget Sound Dungeness crab.

The three alternatives were selected for further review after receiving input from recreational crabbers and WDFW's commercial and recreational crab advisory groups.

Option A

Recreational fishery managed using a fixed season

- July – Labor Day
- 5 days per week, including weekends
- October – December Winter Season (7 days/week)
- 5 crab daily bag limit

Option B

Recreational fishery managed using a fixed season

- July – Labor Day
- 4 days per week, including weekends
- November – December Winter Season (7 days/week)
- 5 crab daily bag limit

Option C

Recreational fishery managed with a harvest target based on an average of recent years (2005-2009) catch

- July – Labor Day
- 4 days per week (one weekend day)
- Winter Season as remaining quota allows (7 days/week)
- 5 crab daily bag limit