

## Option A

### *Recreational fishery managed using a fixed season and no harvest target*

- ❖ July 1 – Labor Day
- ❖ 5 days per week, including weekends
- ❖ October – December Winter Season (7 days/week)
- ❖ 5 crab daily bag limit

Region	Marine Area	Average State Quota 2005-2009	Average Recreational Catch 2005-2009	Average Commercial Catch 2005-2009	Projected Recreational Summer Catch	Projected Recreational Winter Catch	Projected Total Recreational Catch	Quota Remaining After Recreational Fishery
1	7	2,336,800	417,794	1,916,880	637,765	24,973	662,805	1,673,995
2E	8-1, 8-2	965,000	444,977	522,336	592,571	64,487	657,059	307,941
2W	9	151,500	55,864	66,091	77,094	29,268	106,442	45,058
3-1, 3-2	6	384,343	75,227	251,157	78,556	28,354	107,359	276,984
3-3	4, 5	41,600	29,476	9,570	18,254	3,200	21,501	20,099
4	10	90,000	64,392	0	60,046	15,764	76,254	13,746
5	12	100,000*	110,836	0	78,377	12,319	91,273	8,727
6	11	NA	46,030	0	68,371	19,298	87,708	
6	13	NA	32,211	0	16,106	5,386	22,016	
<b>Puget Sound Totals</b>		<b>4,069,243</b>	<b>1,276,800</b>	<b>2,766,034</b>	<b>1,627,141</b>	<b>203,049</b>	<b>1,832,417</b>	<b>2,236,826</b>

\* Average state quota for Hood Canal was calculated using 2008-2010 data to reflect recent years crab abundance and fishery quota

## Option B

**Recreational fishery managed using a fixed season and no harvest target**

- ❖ July 1 – Labor Day
- ❖ 4 days per week, including weekends
- ❖ November – December Winter Season (7 days/week)
- ❖ 5 crab daily bag limit

Region	Marine Area	Average State Quota 2005-2009	Average Recreational Catch 2005-2009	Average Commercial Catch 2005-2009	Projected Recreational Summer Catch	Projected Recreational Winter Catch	Projected Total Recreational Catch	Quota Remaining After Recreational Fishery
1	7	2,336,800	417,794	1,916,880	553,579	10,762	564,407	1,772,393
2E	8-1, 8-2	965,000	444,977	522,336	546,068	52,358	598,426	366,574
2W	9	151,500	55,864	66,091	67,507	11,178	78,764	72,736
3-1, 3-2	6	384,343	75,227	251,157	68,357	11,439	80,247	304,096
3-3	4, 5	41,600	29,476	9,570	16,763	2,176	18,985	22,615
4	10	90,000	64,392	0	54,373	9,488	64,302	25,698
5	12	100,000*	110,836	0	75,674	6,244	82,494	17,506
6	11	NA	46,030	0	60,005	9,851	69,896	
6	13	NA	32,211	0	14,836	2,914	18,275	
<b>Puget Sound Totals</b>		<b>4,069,243</b>	<b>1,276,800</b>	<b>2,766,034</b>	<b>1,457,161</b>	<b>116,411</b>	<b>1,575,796</b>	<b>2,493,447</b>

\* Average state quota for Hood Canal was calculated using 2008-20010 data to reflect recent years crab abundance and fishery quota

## Option C

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

- ❖ July 1 – Labor Day
- ❖ 4 days per week (one weekend day)
- ❖ Winter Season as remaining quota allows (7 days/week)
- ❖ 5 crab daily bag limit

Region	Marine Area	Average State Quota 2005-2009	Average Recreational Catch 2005-2009 <i>New Target</i>	Average Commercial Catch 2005-2009	Projected Recreational Summer Catch	Projected Recreational Winter Catch	Projected Total Recreational Catch	Quota Remaining After Recreational Fishery
1	7	2,336,800	417,794	1,916,880	449,021	10,762	459,848	1,876,952
2E	8-1, 8-2	965,000	444,977	522,336	461,522	52,358	513,880	451,120
2W	9	151,500	55,864	66,091	49,396	11,178	60,653	90,847
3-1, 3-2	6	384,343	75,227	251,157	56,401	11,439	68,290	316,053
3-3	4, 5	41,600	29,476	9,570	15,323	2,176	17,547	24,053
4	10	90,000	64,392	0	44,879	9,488	54,810	35,190
5	12	100,000*	110,836	0	61,981	6,244	68,802	31,198
6	11	NA	46,030	0	45,209	9,851	55,099	
6	13	NA	32,211	0	15,397	2,914	18,836	
<b>Puget Sound Totals</b>		<b>4,069,243</b>	<b>1,276,800</b>	<b>2,766,034</b>	<b>1,199,129</b>	<b>116,411</b>	<b>1,317,765</b>	<b>2,751,478</b>

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## Puget Sound Crab Policy Review Public Meeting Summary

In July 2010, four public meetings were held as a component to the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission's review of the Puget Sound Dungeness crab Policy (Policy C-3609). Department shellfish staff coordinated and facilitated the meetings and three agenda items were presented and discussed:

- 1) Dungeness crab resource conservation strategies and current management objectives for recreational and commercial fisheries,
- 2) The timeline and process for reviewing policy C-3609 including public input and comment opportunities, and
- 3) Draft policy language distributed for stakeholder input and the three options for a recreational fishery being considered by the Commission.

The meetings took place in Edmonds on July 21, Shelton on July 22, Mount Vernon on July 26, and Port Townsend on July 27. In total, 74 people attended the four meetings.

A survey card was distributed at the meetings to allow attendees to vote their preference for one of the three recreational fishery options. A space for written comments was also provided on each survey card. A total of 60 survey cards were returned with the following results:

### 52 attendees chose **Option A:**

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### 2 attendees chose **Option B:**

Recreational fishery managed using a fixed season and no harvest target

- July 1 – Labor Day
- 4 days per week, including weekends
- November – December Winter Season (7 days/week)
- 5 crab daily bag limit.]

### 1 attendee chose **Option C:**

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

- July 1 – Labor Day
- 4 days per week (one weekend day)
- Winter Season as remaining quota allows (7 days/week)
- 5 crab daily bag limit.]

5 attendees did not choose any of the options.

### Written comments submitted on survey cards:

- All three options-remove the Comm. Fleet in 15-18 years-some options sooner than others.
- All options-eventually eliminate the commercial fishery. We need status quo with Rec. harvest limits!
- All three options-will put the commercial crabbers out of business in 15 years.
- Any option needs a cap or limit on the recreational harvest.
- Reference Option A: The only option that is fair! Approx. 50/50 split with commercials.
- Option A checked only because it is the best of those choices. Recommend 7 days a week with a four crab limit areas 10-13 and five crab limit in all other areas. Commission has prioritized recreational over commercial. Commission has also recognized that the crab resource varies greatly between management units. We need to manage the fishery based upon sustainable abundance. The "one size fits all" approach (that is, a daily catch limit the same in all areas) is inconsistent with how other resources are managed and, additionally, are inconsistent with current crab management in so far as seasons vary by areas. The "one size fits all" essentially requires that regulations are based upon the weakest area thereby ensuring that recreational opportunity in areas of abundance are artificially and unnecessarily restricted.
- I believe option A is equitable and it still gives the commercial industry more than 50% of the states share.
- Reference Option A: This option provides for a quality recreational fishery with a more equitable split between commercial and recreational and still provides for a healthy commercial fishery that will take more than 50% of the state share.
- Reference Option A: Recreational opportunity is good for the economy of Washington State.
- Reference Option A: I am uncomfortable with a season structure in the Policy that is different than other Policies I know of (like NOF). Region 2 should be exclusive for recreational.
- Request copy of power PT presentation be sent to [DMKUNO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DMKUNO@GMAIL.COM). Thank you-Dave Kuno
- Reference Option A: Need to reduce or ELIMINATE commercial within Puget Sound-Region 2 primarily.

- Please protect your PARTNERS who sell recreational licenses by moving the vote on options to the August meeting. Option A could be upheld with a Nov-Dec winter season.
- Balance P.S. commercial with coastal catch-longer season in MA 7-no commercial in 2E & 2W-no commercial in densely populated areas.
- Since Region 1 has a large disparity between State & Rec sport crabbers, there seems to be a way to balance out the difference by giving the 1 million overage of commercial to other areas to balance overage. Especially in Region 2-needs more crab.
- Marine area 9 should be recreational only. Marine area 8.1 & 8.2 should be recreational only.
- Area 7 should always be open in September.
- Increase recreational quotas across the board in P.S. Commission Policy state ocean is managed for commercial therefore Puget Sound should be managed for recreational. In Area 7 North give commercial winter (dangerous waters) and sports in summer and fall. Fixed season are good idea. Regulate commercial licenses in Puget Sound (decrease) fishers (commercial). Should not be allowed to stack licenses. Use or lose permits. Sports crab above \$8/crab to State economy but on \$2 & charge for commercially caught-economic impact of sports fishing to state economy is not given adequate consideration across the board in management models. Sports fishing brings in \$10 to \$1 for commercial. Sports fishing license income is a user fee & should be used for & only for Fish & Wildlife management & conservation of Wash. St. Fish & Wildlife.
- Despite vocal objections by the commercial interests, the 250000 licensed recreational fishers of the state "own" much of the state's resources, contribute to the jobs of many thousands, and share the catch with many. Thanks.
- Any policy must include a workable derelict recovery program for both commercial and recreational crabbers. Sales of non-compliant crab traps should be made illegal.
- See you on the 7<sup>th</sup>!
- Non-tribal resource needs equitable or at least 50/50 distribution.
- Option A provided a winter season is guaranteed. Sports & limits should be set to assure a 2 month + winter season even if limit has to be reduced. Maintaining consistency between areas is not as important as good management in each area. As example-seasons or limits could be shorter during the summer in some areas to assure the winter fishery.

## Total Dungeness Crab Catch for Washington State Fisheries

Percentages represent percent of total Washington state catch

Year	Recreational Puget Sound	Recreational Coastal	State Commercial Puget Sound	State Commercial Coastal	Treaty Fishery Puget Sound	Treaty Fishery Coastal	Total Catch All Fisheries
<b>2005</b>	1,213,654 (5%)	NA (0%)	2,536,271 (10%)	14,339,625 (55%)	3,967,564 (15%)	3,886,622 (15%)	25,943,736 (100%)
<b>2006</b>	1,170,332 (5%)	NA (0%)	2,489,352 (12%)	11,611,507 (54%)	3,564,578 (17%)	2,711,368 (13%)	21,547,137 (100%)
<b>2007</b>	1,141,977 (5%)	NA (0%)	2,709,792 (12%)	11,680,283 (52%)	4,020,432 (18%)	3,011,758 (13%)	22,564,242 (100%)
<b>2008</b>	1,349,487 (7%)	NA (0%)	2,855,730 (15%)	8,296,550 (44%)	4,104,775 (22%)	2,048,726 (11%)	18,655,268 (100%)
<b>2009</b>	1,459,405 (6%)	NA (0%)	3,036,604 (13%)	11,491,833 (48%)	4,322,976 (18%)	3,410,938 (14%)	23,721,756 (100%)
<b>2005-09 Average</b>	1,266,971 (6%)	NA (0%)	2,725,550 (12%)	11,483,960 (51%)	3,996,065 (18%)	3,013,882 (13%)	22,486,428 (100%)
<b>ESTIMATED* PROJECTIONS</b>							
<b>Opt. A*</b>	1,832,826 (8.1%)	NA	2,236,826 (9.9%)	11,483,960	3,996,065	3,013,882	22,563,559
<b>Opt. B*</b>	1,575,796 (7%)	NA	2,493,447 (11%)	11,483,960	3,996,065	3,013,882	22,563,150
<b>Opt. C*</b>	1,254,280 (5.5%)	NA	2,888,598 (12.7%)	11,483,960	3,996,065	3,013,882	22,636,785

*\* Please keep in mind the catch projections for A, B, and C are only projections and predicting the human behavior and crab abundance elements that influence the actual catch are not even considered.*