

Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board Meeting

December 1, 2023

9:00 am



Proposed Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Introductions and Purpose of the Meeting	Heather Hall
9:15 – 9:30 AM	23/24 Season Test Fishing Results	Matt George
9:30 – 10:00 AM	State-Quinault Management Agreement Update	Heather Hall
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Electronic Monitoring Update	Robert Morgan
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Discussion/Adjourn	Heather Hall



Tri-state test results

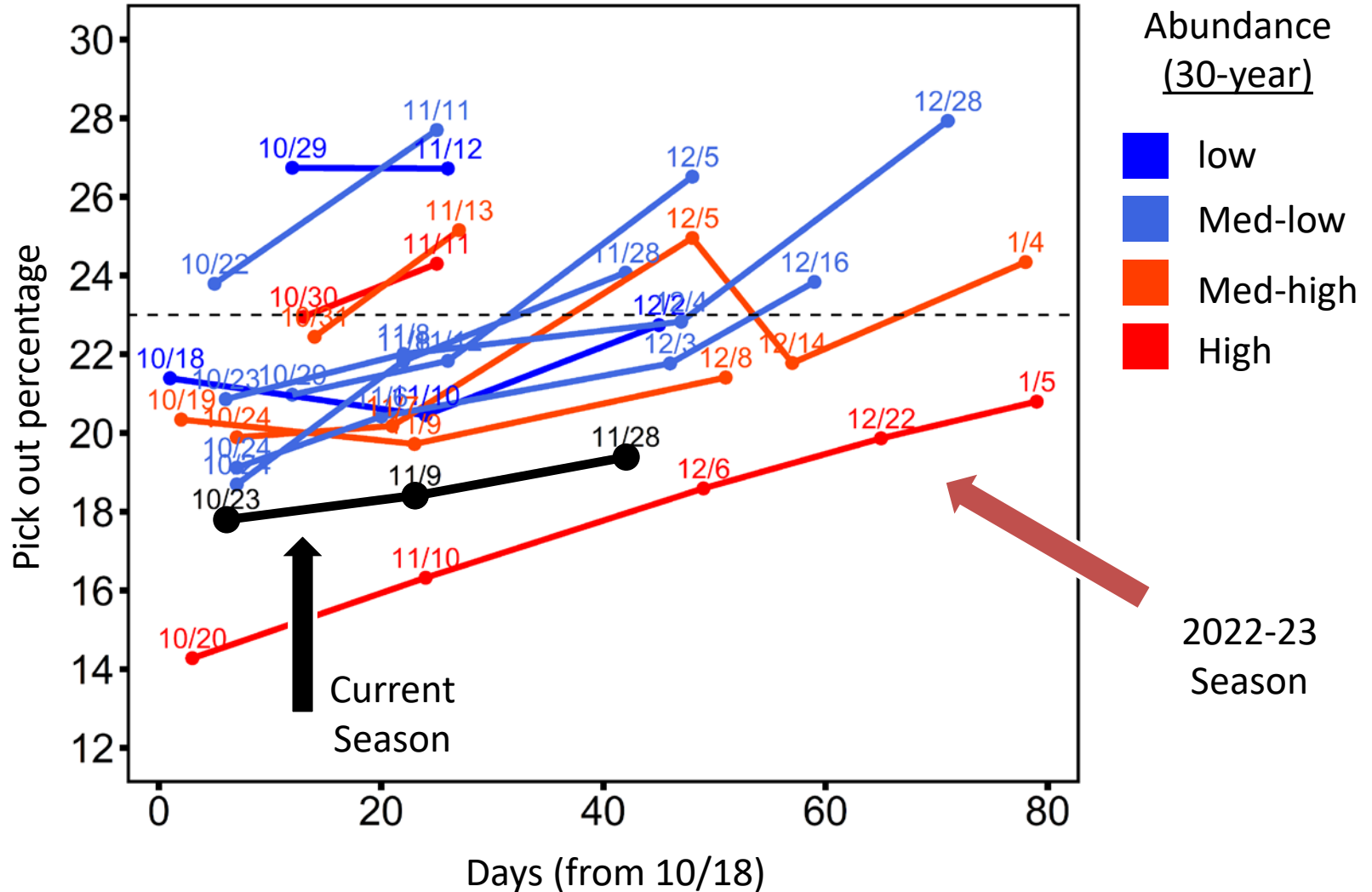
2023 Preseason Coastal Dungeness crab Test Fishery Results for WA, OR and CA

* Date is the date the pots were pulled

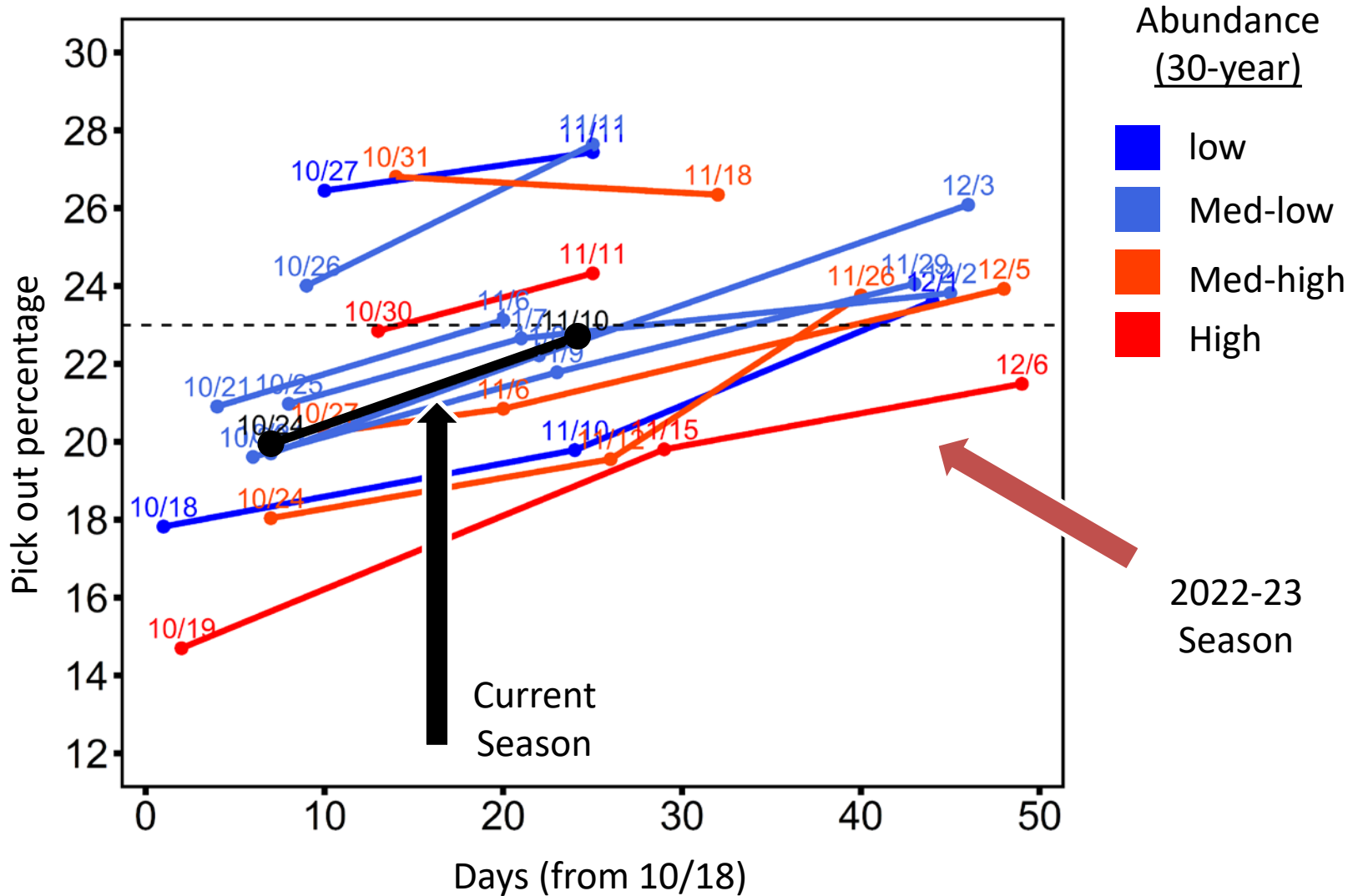
Test Area	Number of pots	Optional Early Round		Round 1		Round 2	
		Date*	Meat Recovery %	Date*	Meat Recovery %	Date*	Meat Recovery %
Washington							
Northern	n/a	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Westport	54	10/23/23	19.9%	11/9/23	22.6%		
Long Beach	54	10/22/23	17.8%	11/8/23	18.4%	11/28/23	19.4%
Oregon							
Astoria (50-A)	18	NT	NT	11/9/23	18.9%	11/29/23	21.1%
Garibaldi (50-B)	18	NT	NT	11/9/23	21.2%	11/29/23	23.0%
Newport North (50-C and 50-D)	36	NT	NT	11/8/23	21.6%	11/29/23	
Newport South (50-E and 50-F)	36	NT	NT	11/8/23	24.6%	NT	NT
Coos Bay North (50-G and 50-H)	36	NT	NT	11/14/23	24.0%	NT	NT
Coos Bay South (50-I and 50-J)	36	NT	NT	11/14/23	23.2%	11/29/23	24.8%
Port Orford (50-K)	18	NT	NT	11/8/23	24.1%	NT	NT
Brookings (50-L)	18	NT	NT	11/8/23	25.2%	NT	NT
California							
Crescent City	36	NT	NT	11/8/23	26.8%	NT	NT
Trinidad	36	NT	NT	11/8/23	24.8%	NT	NT
Eureka	36	NT	NT	11/8/23	23.4%	11/28/23	25.5%
District 10 (not bound by Tri-State)							
Bodega Bay	n/a	NT	NT	NT	NT		
San Francisco	n/a	NT	NT	NT	NT		



Long Beach



Westport



Next Test Fishery

1. Next Westport test

2. Quinault test fishery

- Completed 11/17: 22.19%
- Test Results 11/28 (?) – INVALID
- Next Test – pick out expected Tuesday, 12/5



State-Quinault Tribal Agreement

Quinault Proposal:

1. Management Objectives
2. In-season SMA Boundary Movement
3. Sliding Scale



Management Objectives

The management objectives of this plan are to provide the state and QIN fishers with a quality fishery accompanied by a fair sharing of the **harvest opportunity**.

For the QIN fishery, the intent of this management plan is **for QIN fishers to achieve 50% of the catch in the area from Point Chehalis to Destruction Island**.

For the state fishery, the intent of this management plan is to provide the state fishers a quality opportunity to harvest the state's share of the resource.

These management objectives will be achieved through implementation of the provisions of this management plan and by in-season adjustments of fishing fleets by their respective managers. **In-season adjustments will act to balance catch rates and catch totals to achieve equitable sharing of the Dungeness crab resource.**



Management Objectives

WDFW Response

1. Goal of **tribal share of the catch** achieving 50% of the total catch within the area between DI and Point Chehalis.
2. In-season adjustments will provide **opportunity** to achieve harvest sharing goals



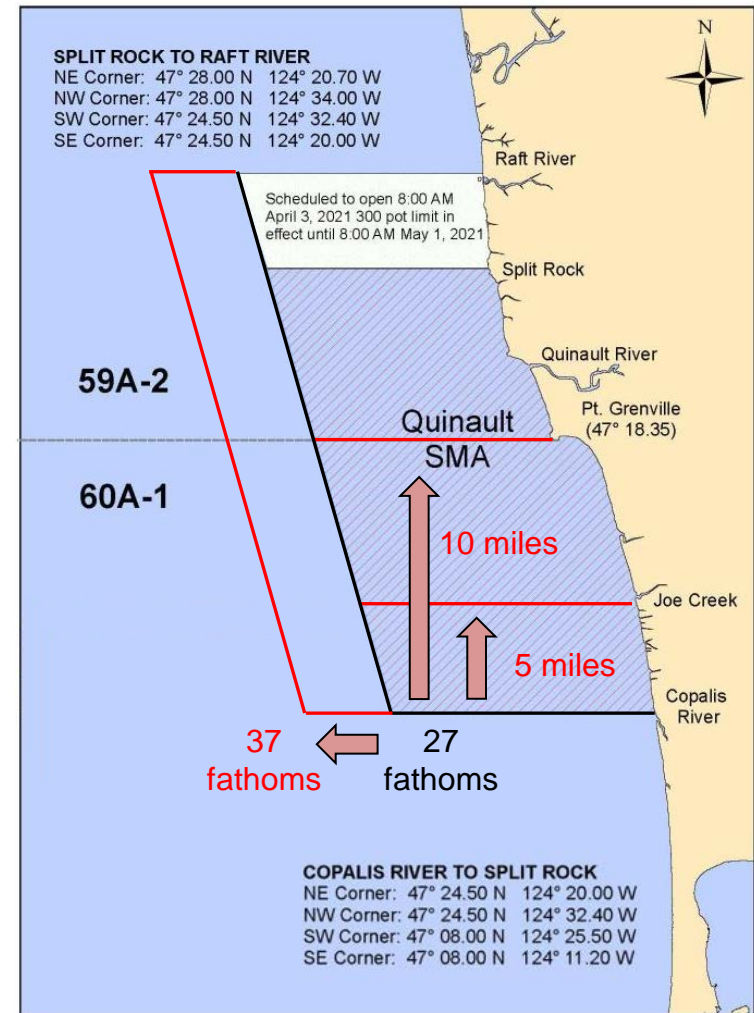
SMA Boundary Movement

Quinault Proposal:

“SMA changes if needed will be no less than 10-fathom adjustments going east-west **and** no less than 5 mile adjustments going north-south when requested by either QIN or WDFW.”

Analysis of Past SMA actions

1. N/S proposal consistent with past management actions
2. Expansion of 10 fathoms westward is unprecedented (3 fathom increase only in past two years).



Sliding Scale Methodology

WDFW proposal

Projected Season Abundance	Total Catch in 31 days	Total in 31 days/25	QIN season head start days
Low	< 1,000,000	< 40,000	43
Low-med	1,000,000 – 1,250,000	40,000 – 50,000	45
Med	1,250,000 – 1,500,000	50,000 – 60,000	46
Med-high	1,500,000 – 1,750,000	60,000 – 70,000	47
High	> 1,750,000	70,000	49

Quinault Proposal

	QIN crab landings in first 31 days divided by 25 days	QIN season head start days
low	< 50,000	45
med	50,000 - 60,000	47 From 46
high	> 60,000	49 From 47



Electronic Monitoring Update

- 188 vessels have requested an EM system
- All systems have shipped as of Nov 20th
- WDFW is still taking applications
- Information on how to submit an activation report to WDFW will be sent out early December
- WDFW staff is available to answer questions
- Implementation by January 1, 2024



Take Reduction Team

Doc #: 2023-21333 Federal Register :: Scoping for a Marine Mammal Take Reduction Team to Address Incidental Mortality and Serious Injury of Humpback Whale Stocks in the Pacific

- Section 118(f)(1) of the MMPA requires NMFS to develop and implement TRPs designed to assist in the recovery or prevent the depletion of each strategic stock that interacts with Category I and II fisheries (16 U.S.C. 1387(f)(1))
- WA crab and sablefish pot are Cat II fisheries.
- NMFS is seeking public input on the scope of the TRT
- Additional information relevant to establishing this TRT includes information about the factors associated with risks of humpback whale or other large whale entanglements in U.S. commercial fisheries in the Pacific Ocean.
- NMFS is seeking to identify interested stakeholders who may wish to serve as TRT members.



Questions & Discussion

