

# Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Group Meeting

December 12, 2024

3:00 pm



# Proposed Agenda

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
3:00 – 3:05 PM	Introductions and Purpose of the Meeting	Heather Hall
3:05 – 3:10 PM	Test Fishing Results	Matt George
3:10 – 3:45 PM	Season Opening Scenarios North Pt. Chehalis	Matt George
3:45 – 4:15 PM	WDFW-QIN 12/6 Meeting Summary	Heather Hall
4:15 – 4:30 PM	Recreational Crab Sampling Program	Matt George
4:30 – 4:45 PM	Line Marking Update	Megan Hintz
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Discussion	Heather Hall



## 2024 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 %
<b>Washington</b>							
Northern	n/a	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Westport	54	10/23/24	17.3%^	NT	NT	12/2/24	21.9%^
Long Beach	54	NT	NT	11/7/24	17.0%	12/2/24	19.9%
<b>Oregon</b>							
Astoria (50-A)	36	NT	NT	11/7/24	20.7%	12/2/24	23.2%
Garibaldi (50-B)	18	NT	NT	11/7/24	21.5%	12/2/24	24.3%
Pacific City (50-C)	18	NT	NT	11/7/24	21.3%	12/2/24	24.6%
Newport North (50-D)	18	NT	NT	11/7/24	28.4%	NT	NT
Newport South (50-E and 50-F)	36	NT	NT	11/7/24	27.1%	NT	NT
Coos Bay North (50-G and 50-H)	36	NT	NT	11/7/24	25.3%**	NT	NT
Coos Bay South (50-I and 50-J)	36	NT	NT	11/16/24	24.1%^	NT	NT
Port Orford (50-K)	18	NT	NT	11/7/24	23.6%	12/2/24	26.5%
Brookings (50-L)	18	NT	NT	11/6/24	25.4%	NT	NT
<b>California</b>							
Crescent City	36	NT	NT	NT	NT		
Trinidad	36	NT	NT	NT	NT		
Eureka	36	NT	NT	NT	NT		
<b>District 10 (not bound by Tri-State)</b>							
Bodega Bay	n/a	NT	NT	NT	NT		
San Francisco	n/a	NT	NT	NT	NT		

^Crabs retained in vessel hold overnight before offload

\*\* Crab collected from less than total pots set in area H (15 pots)

# Test Fishing Results

## **QIN's latest test:**

1. 11/7 – 15.8%
2. 12/12 – 25.1%

## **Next WDFW test (Round 3):**

Westport – Results by Tuesday, 12/17

Long Beach – ASAP based on weather

## **Next Tri-State Managers Call on 12/20**



# Tri-State Testing Protocols

Third round of test fishing – scheduled for completion by December 22.

i. the agency Directors or their designees will discuss the results and mutually decide to open the season on: December 31, January 15 or February 1. The results of the third round of test fishing will be used as follows:

- 1. If every test area meets the minimum meat recovery criteria as defined in section IV:** Tri-State protocols prescribe the season open on December 31.
- 2. If every test area is greater than or equal to 23% (no rounding) meat recovery:** Tri-State protocols prescribe the season open on January 15.
- 3. If there are test areas that are below 23% or the third round of test fishing was not completed, but there are significant threats to the fishery forecast (whales, biotoxin, etc):** Tri-State protocols prescribe the season open on January 15.
- 4. If there are test areas that are below 23% and there are insignificant known threats to the fishery forecast (whales, biotoxin, etc):** Tri-State protocols prescribe the season open on February 1, except in California where this is prohibited by statute



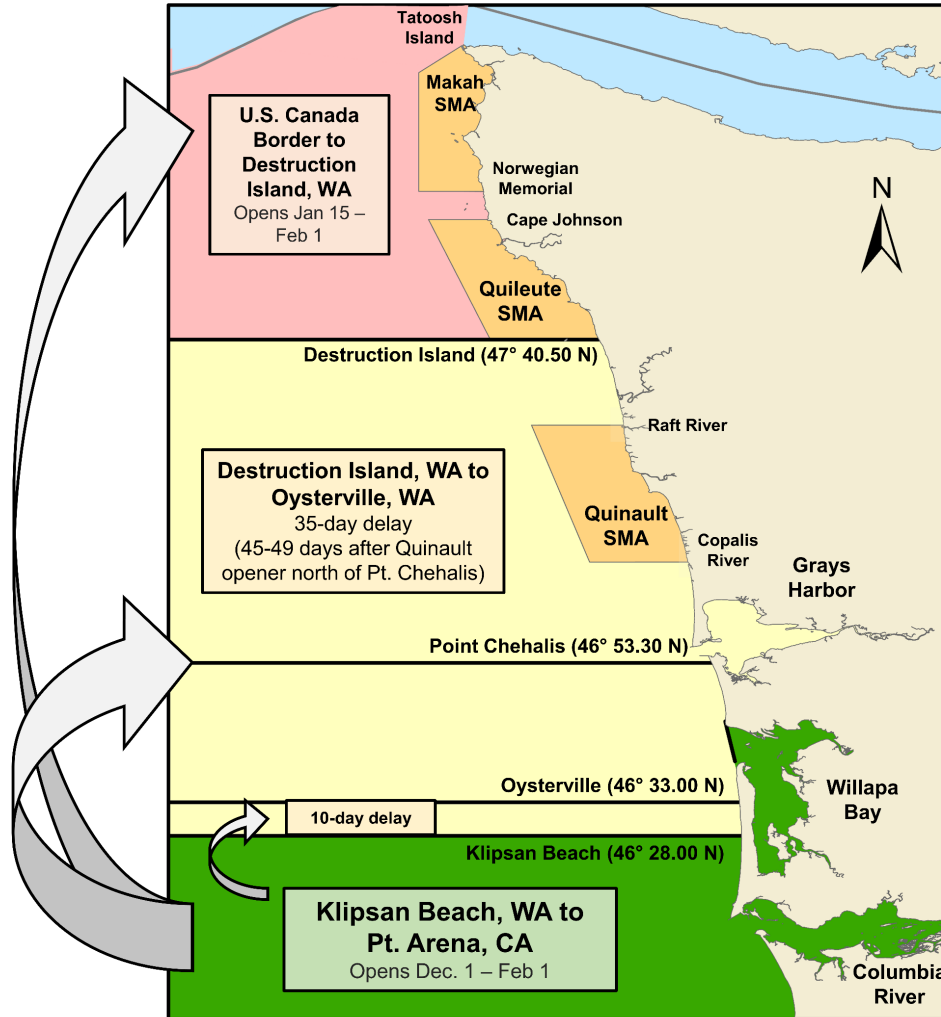
# North of Pt. Chehalis Opening Scenarios

Projected Season Abundance	Total QIN catch in first 31 days of fishery	QIN season head start days
LOW	1,000,000 - 1,250,000	45
MED	1,250,000 - 1,500,000	46
MED-HIGH	1,500,000 - 1,750,000	47
HIGH	> 1,750,000	49

QIN start date	STATE start date North of Pt. Chehalis			
	LOW	MED	MED-HIGH	HIGH
	45-days	46-days	47-days	49-days
14-Dec	28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	1-Feb
15-Dec	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	2-Feb
16-Dec	30-Jan	31-Jan	1-Feb	3-Feb
17-Dec	31-Jan	1-Feb	2-Feb	4-Feb
18-Dec	1-Feb	2-Feb	3-Feb	5-Feb
19-Dec	2-Feb	3-Feb	4-Feb	6-Feb
20-Dec	3-Feb	4-Feb	5-Feb	7-Feb
21-Dec	4-Feb	5-Feb	6-Feb	8-Feb
22-Dec	5-Feb	6-Feb	7-Feb	9-Feb
23-Dec	6-Feb	7-Feb	8-Feb	10-Feb
24-Dec	7-Feb	8-Feb	9-Feb	11-Feb
25-Dec	8-Feb	9-Feb	10-Feb	12-Feb
26-Dec	9-Feb	10-Feb	11-Feb	13-Feb
27-Dec	10-Feb	11-Feb	12-Feb	14-Feb
28-Dec	11-Feb	12-Feb	13-Feb	15-Feb
29-Dec	12-Feb	13-Feb	14-Feb	16-Feb
30-Dec	13-Feb	14-Feb	15-Feb	17-Feb
31-Dec	14-Feb	15-Feb	16-Feb	18-Feb
1-Jan	15-Feb	16-Feb	17-Feb	19-Feb



# Pt. Chehalis & Klipsan Beach Line



# Gov-to-Gov Meeting w/ QIN

## Discussion Topics

1. 2024-25 Harvest Management Plan
2. Sliding Scale
3. Recreational Crab Harvest Estimation





# Recreational Crab Sampling Program

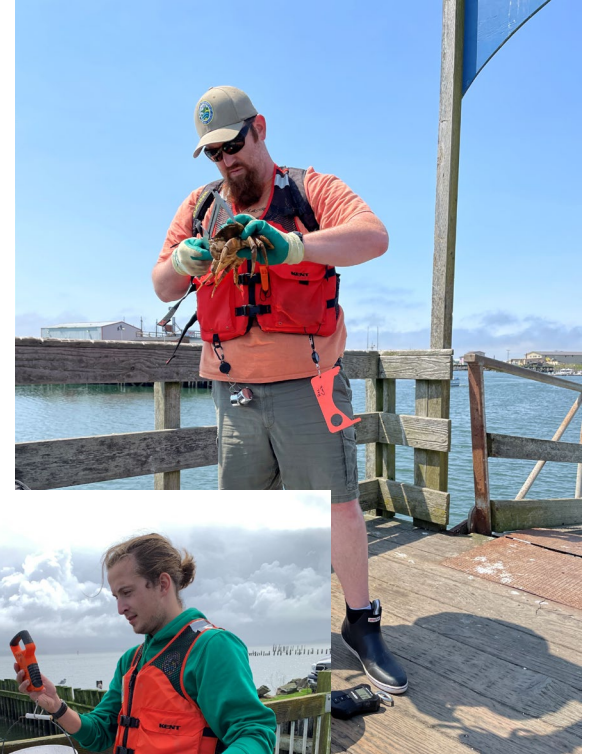
September 2024 marked the first complete year of recreational catch sampling along WA coast.

During the 2023-24 season, creel staff surveyed 25 sites, resulting in 13,676 interviews, 24,819 crabbers interviewed, and 13,115 Dungeness crab sampled for biological data.

## Program Priorities:

1. Generate site- and area-specific catch estimates.
2. Define the impact of holidays, weekends, seasonality, and crabber participation within other fisheries on effort.
3. Attribute catch to land (e.g., jetty, dock, beach) and boat (e.g., private boat, charter, commercial vessels engaged in sport crabbing) based sources.
4. Estimate State catch within tribal U&A's.

**Commercial vessel operators participating in the recreational fishery are required to answer questions and allow creel samplers to take measurements of retained crab. We appreciate your support of our effort to accurately estimate recreational catch along Washington's coast.**



# Line Marking

## 1. Request for donations of red line

- We are planning on making a few mock examples of solid marking options to have for industry outreach.
- 2-6 10ft long segments.

## 2. Request input on draft line marking rule

- Please let us know if you are interested in walking through the new line marking rule with us and providing input before the rule is published. Rule language was shared with advisors before Thanksgiving.
- Updated rule language will be presented to advisors on **Dec 20<sup>th</sup> for review and feedback**
- Reach out to Megan Hintz at [megan.hintz@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:megan.hintz@dfw.wa.gov) or (360) 774-8096.

## 3. Rule will be available for public comment at the end of January



# Questions & Discussion

