

RCW 77.70.350

Restrictions on vessel designations and substitutions on Dungeness crab-coastal fishery licenses.

(1) The following restrictions apply to vessel designations and substitutions on Dungeness crab-coastal fishery licenses:

(a) The holder of the license may not:

(i) Designate on the license a vessel the hull length of which exceeds ninety-nine feet; or

(ii) Change vessel designation if the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated exceeds the hull length designated on the license on June 7, 2006, by more than ten feet. However, if such vessel designation is the result of an emergency transfer, the applicable vessel length would be the most recent permanent vessel designation on the license prior to June 7, 2006;

(b) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated is comparable to or exceeds by up to one foot the hull length of the currently designated vessel, the department may change the vessel designation no more than once in any one-year period, measured from September 15th to September 15th of the following year, unless the currently designated vessel is lost or in disrepair such that it does not safely operate, in which case the department may allow a change in vessel designation;

(c) If the hull length of the vessel proposed to be designated exceeds by between one and ten feet the hull length of the designated vessel on June 7, 2006, the department may change the vessel designation no more than once on or after June 7, 2006, unless a request is made by the license holder during a Washington state coastal crab season for an emergency change in vessel designation. If such an emergency request is made, the director may allow a temporary change in designation to another vessel, if the hull length of the other vessel does not exceed by more than ten feet the hull length of the currently designated vessel.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "hull length" means the length overall of a vessel's hull as shown by marine survey or by manufacturer's specifications.

(3) By December 31, 2010, the department must, in cooperation with the coastal crab fishing industry, evaluate the effectiveness of this section and, if necessary, recommend any statutory changes to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives.

[**2010 c 193 § 13; 2006 c 159 § 1; 1994 c 260 § 10.** Formerly **RCW75.30.430.**]

NOTES:

Finding-Severability-1994 c 260: See notes following RCW **77.70 280.**

Effective date-1994 c 260 §§ 1-5, 9-19, and 21-24: See note following RCW **77.70.280.**

COASTAL CRAB HISTORY; LENGTH OF DESIGNATED VESSELS; Near the start of each season

Season	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Total cumulative length (feet)	10,930	10,930	10,631	10,803	10,790	10,905	11,054	11,019	10,746	10,951	11,210	11,161
<i>Licenses with a Designated Vessel</i>	213	218	223	214	215	216	218	217	217	219	' 220	219
<i>Licenses with no Designated Vessel</i>	10	5	0	9	8	7	5	6	6	4	3	4
Aver length (feet)	50	50	48	50	50	50	51	51	50	50	51	51
<i>Vessels> or= 60'</i>	37	36	37	38	37	36	40	38	35	35	38	34
<i>% Vessels> or 60'</i>	17%	17%	17%	18%	17%	17%	18%	18%	16%	16%	17%	16%
<i>Active Licenses (at least one landing)</i>	181	192	173	174	179	182	186	190	185	180	195	191

Options for Stepped Up Pot Limits South of Klipsan• at the Start of the Season
Full pot limit starting April 1

* - does not include 60 C or 60 D

<i>Reduction in pot limit</i>	STATUS QUO (using aver. 2012 thru 2015 seasons)					
	<i>date</i>	<i>vessels</i>	<i>pot limit</i>		<i>total pots</i>	<i>pots/sq/mile</i>
16%/ 20%	S of Klipsan Opens	53	250	400	19,667	66
0%	N of Klipsan Opens	51	300	500	23,667	79
0%	Next 35 Days	34	300	500	15,900	53
0%	35 Days to Apr. 1	19	300	500	9,200	31

<i>Reduction in pot limit</i>	OPTION 1 (assuming same level of effort)					
	<i>date</i>	<i>vessels</i>	<i>pot limit</i>		<i>total pots</i>	<i>pots/sq/mile</i>
30%	S of Klipsan Opens	53	175	280	13,767	46
25%	N of Klipsan Opens	51	190	300	14,750	49
15%	Next 35 Days	34	215	340	16,717	56
10%	35 Days to Apr. 1	19	225	360	17,700	59

<i>Reduction in pot limit</i>	OPTION Z (assuming same level of effort)					
	<i>date</i>	<i>vessels</i>	<i>pot limit</i>		<i>total pots</i>	<i>pots/sq/mile</i>
50%	S of Klipsan Opens	53	125	200	9,833	33
40%	N of Klipsan Opens	51	150	240	11,800	39
25%	Next 35 Days	34	190	300	14,750	49
15%	35 Days to Apr. 1	19	215	340	16,717	56

2017/2018 WASHINGTON STATE COASTAL DUNGENESS CRAB CATCH

STATE LANDINGS

	59A1	59A2	60A1	60A2	608	60C	61	TOTAL
NOV								
DEC								
JAN			99,058	1,283,465	16,005	400,546	568,922	2,367,996
FEB	45,165	118,229	1,134,822	4,334,303	52,127	145,045	1,315,768	7,145,459
MARCH		91,747	467,565	717,603	29,221	46,590	381,291	1,734,017
APRIL		25,767	111,064	145,906	38,567	12,734	80,093	436,406
MAY	22,275	10,923	79,212	92,016	43,565	8,574	39,388	273,678
JUNE			35,811	67,083	22,274	3,513	7,071	135,752
JULY								0
AUG								0
SEPT								0
TOTAL	67,440	246,666	1,927,532	6,640,376	201,759	617,002	2,392,533	12,093,308

State thru 6-18-18

Note: 60A2 includes 600

State and Tribal Coastal Dungeness Catch North of Point Chehalis (Areas 59A1, 59A2, 60A1, and 608)

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	2,443,397	48%	2,641,431	52%	5,084,828

Coastal Dungeness Crab Tri-State Committee Meeting
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

July 24 and 25, 2018

Embassy Suites by the Portland Airport
7900 NE 82nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97220
Phone: 503.460.3000

Proposed Agenda Day 1 - July 24 (11am - 6:30pm)

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| I. | Welcome/ Introductions/ Approve Agenda (Mtg. facilitation - Dave) | 11:00 am |
| II. | Purpose of the meeting (Heather/Caren/Sanke) | 11:15 am |
| III. | Pre-Season Testing Protocols and Season Opening Decisions | 11:30 am |
| | A. Consider allowing for more than two areas with different opening dates based on meat yield within the Tri-State region (Handout A) | |
| | i. How does this fit with the goals of the Tri-State protocol? | |
| | ii. What are the options? Three areas? Unlimited? | |
| | iii. Consideration of delaying beyond Jan. 15 for meat yield | |

BREAK FOR LUNCH

1pm

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| | Pre-Season Testing Protocols and Season Opening Decisions (can't) | 2pm |
| | A. Consider allowing for more than two areas with different opening dates based on meat yield (pick-out tests) within the Tri-State region | |
| | iv. Fairstart implications | |
| | • Does 30 days make sense? | |
| | v. Enforcement concerns | |
| | vi. Management constraints/flexibility | |

COFFEE BREAK

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| | B. Consistent application of fair start regulations within the Tri-State region by state (Handout B) | 3:30 pm |
| | ii. What are the inconsistencies? | |
| | • Where it applies? How does it apply? Who it applies to? When it starts? | |
| | C. Add specificity to processing guidelines (Handout C) | 6pm |
| | i. How is this done currently in each state? | |
| | • Drain time, trucking, time from cooking to picking | |
| | ii. Do we need to be more consistent? | |

ADJOURN

6:30 pm

Proposed Agenda Day 2 - July 25 (8:30am - 4pm)

- I. Re-cap from Day 1 8:30 am

- II. Tri-State Biotoxin Monitoring and Reporting Plan (Handout D) 9am
 - A. Update on new crab biotoxin monitoring rules in Oregon (ODFW and ODA)
 - i. How did they work? 2017-18 Season overview
 - B. Status of monitoring plans in WA and CA
 - C. Review of last version of Tri-State Biotoxin MOU
 - i. Are these goals still valid?
 - ii. Key areas that are not consistent amongst the states
 - D. Evisceration as a tool to open the season and continue harvest in-season
 - i. Cross border fishing areas/ dual licensed vessels
 - ii. Enforcement concerns
 - E. Next Steps for Tri-State Biotoxin MOU
 - i. Should the Tri-State agreement include commitment from three states for a consistent Biotoxin Monitoring Plan (are we heading in the right direction)?

BREAKFORLUNCH

12 pm

- III. Reducing the risk of whale entanglements in Dungeness crab gear (Handout E) 1 pm
 - A. CA Dungeness crab Working Group updates
 - i. Piloting of Risk Assessment Mitigation Program (RAMP)
 - ii. Discuss regulation proposal limiting surface gear for commercial traps
 - iii. Litigation and implications for fleets
 - B. OR updates
 - C. WA updates
 - D. Tri-State initiatives needed?

ADJOURN

4 pm