



Washington Department of
FISH and WILDLIFE

Puget Sound Commercial Crab Advisory Group Meeting

Harvester Subcommittee

September 24, 2024

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & Housekeeping
2. Management & Regulatory Discussion
3. 2024/2025 Season Status
4. 2024/2025 Season Proposal Review
5. Other Topics & Discussion



2024 / 2025 – Housekeeping

Primary Staff Contacts for 2024/2025 Season

- Katelyn Bosley
- Brad Speidel
- Kurt Andersen

Daniel will be on family medical leave for the winter starting as late as October 2, 2024.



2024 / 2025 – Management Updates

Scrap / Weighback

- **Catch rejected by buyers is required to be recorded on a fish ticket.**
 - Recorded as Scrap / Weighback
 - Once an offload starts everything ***must*** be recorded on fish ticket.
 - Includes catch that is alive and may be released successfully or brought and sold to other buyers.
 - Buyers are legally obligated to record scrap/ weighback.



Recording Scrap / Weighback

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Select a buyer >

Fisher*
Select a fisher >

Landing Type*
Select a landing type >

Gear*
Select gear >

Catch Details ⓘ

DUNGENESS CRAB 21B 1.00 LBS \$0.00 >

Subtotal: \$0.00

Excise Tax: \$0.00

Split 50% of tax with Fisher ✓

Payment to Fisher: \$0.00

ADD COMMENT REVIEW/SIGN

After creating a ticket hit the “+” to add a new line of catch.

Populate the fields for the catch line and select “Grade”.

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Species*
561 - DUNGENESS CRAB >

Landing Type*
COMM - COMMERCIAL >

Gear*
21 - SHELLFISH POT (CRAB) >

Catch Area*
20A - GULF OF GEORGIA >

Catch Area Subunit*
Select the catch area subunit >

Condition*
1 - Round Lbs >

Grade*
Select the grade >

Pounds

Count

Select “20 – Scrap / Weighback”.

Sign and submit the ticket.

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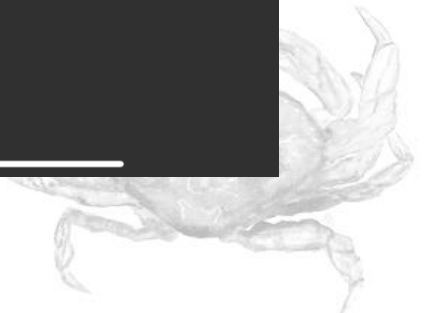
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Search

0 - Not Applicable

20 - Scrap/weighback

21 - Animal Use



Fish Ticket Submission

- **Fish tickets are expected to be filled out and submitted as soon as the transaction is complete or the catch transfers hands.**
 - Those acting using a limited fish seller endorsement are expected to meet the same standards as a wholesale dealer.
- **The original receiver acting act in the capacity of a buyer/dealer must do the following:**
 - Completely fill out a fish ticket, including the weight, at the conclusion of an offload and prior to the catch being transported away from the offload site or the harvester leaving the offload site.
 - Those using a mobile device are required to fill out a fish ticket at the delivery location and submit it to the department upon completion of the offload.
- **Violation of these regulations may be punishable as a felony.**



Fish Ticket Submission

- **Fish tickets should reflect landings on a single delivery.**
 - Keeping fish tickets open for harvesters to return to fishing and deliver again may violate fish ticket submission rules.
 - Submit fish tickets following each delivery.



2024 / 2025 Season Status Updates



2024/2025 Preliminary State Commercial Shares

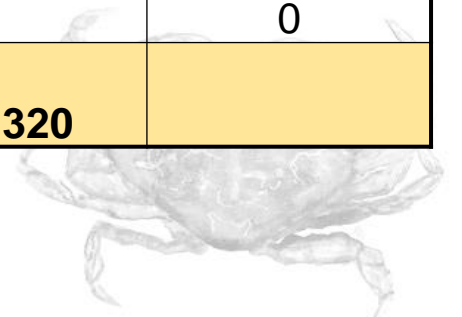
Region	2023 Commercial Target <i>Unbuffered 9/21/2023</i>	2024 Commercial Target <i>Unbuffered 9/19/2024</i>	Percent Change
1	1,845,492	1,850,989	0.3%
2E	392,140	288,517	-26.4%
2W	70,498	68,627	-2.7%
3-1	42,067	42,130	0.1%
3-2	208,513	202,053	-3.1%
3-3	12,565	11,913	-5.2%
3-4	3,565	0	-100.0%
All Areas	2,574,840	2,464,229	

*Based on Sept 19, 2024, preliminary recreational estimate with 10.9% CRC's reporting.

Harvest Updates – 2024/2025 Treaty Harvest

REGION	MARINE AREA	REGIONAL TREATY SHARE	TREATY COMMERCIAL HARVEST	TREATY COMMERCIAL EUC	TREATY C&S	TREATY C&S EUC	TOTAL TREATY HARVEST TO DATE	TREATY BALANCE TO DATE
1	7	2,300,000	1,230,652	12,307	319	19	1,243,296	1,056,704
2E	8-1,8-2	1,200,000	764,409	7,644	2,654	159	774,867	425,133
2W	9	192,181	171,574	1,716	0	0	173,290	18,891
3-1	6, N	45,000	255	3	0	0	258	44,742
3-2	6, SE	375,000	214,285	2,143	540	32	217,000	158,000
3-3	6, W	13,706	4,665	47	0	0	4,712	8,994
3-4	4, 5	9,500	2,274	23	0	0	2,297	7,203
4	10	60,000	80,640	806	494	30	81,970	-21,970
5	12	202,930	114,707	1,147	150	9	116,013	86,917
6	11	90,000	102,591	1,026	0	0	103,617	-13,617
7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TREATY HARVEST TOTALS		4,488,317	2,686,053	26,861	4,157	249	2,717,320	

RED indicates areas without a signed plan and agreed-to quota



2024 / 2025 Commercial Association Proposal

Season Proposal:

October 1 opening in all areas.

- **Region 1** with **35 pots**
- **Region 2E** with **25 pots**
- **Region 2W** with **25 pots**
- **Subregion 3-1** with **50 pots**
- **Subregion 3-2** with **30 pots**
- **Subregion 3-3** with **50 pots**
- **Subregion 3-4** with **50 pots**

November Retainer: *Once total Region 1 harvest is greater than or equal to 1,000,000 lbs then close until November 10, 2024. If Region 1 harvest remains less than 1,000,000 lbs then remain open.*

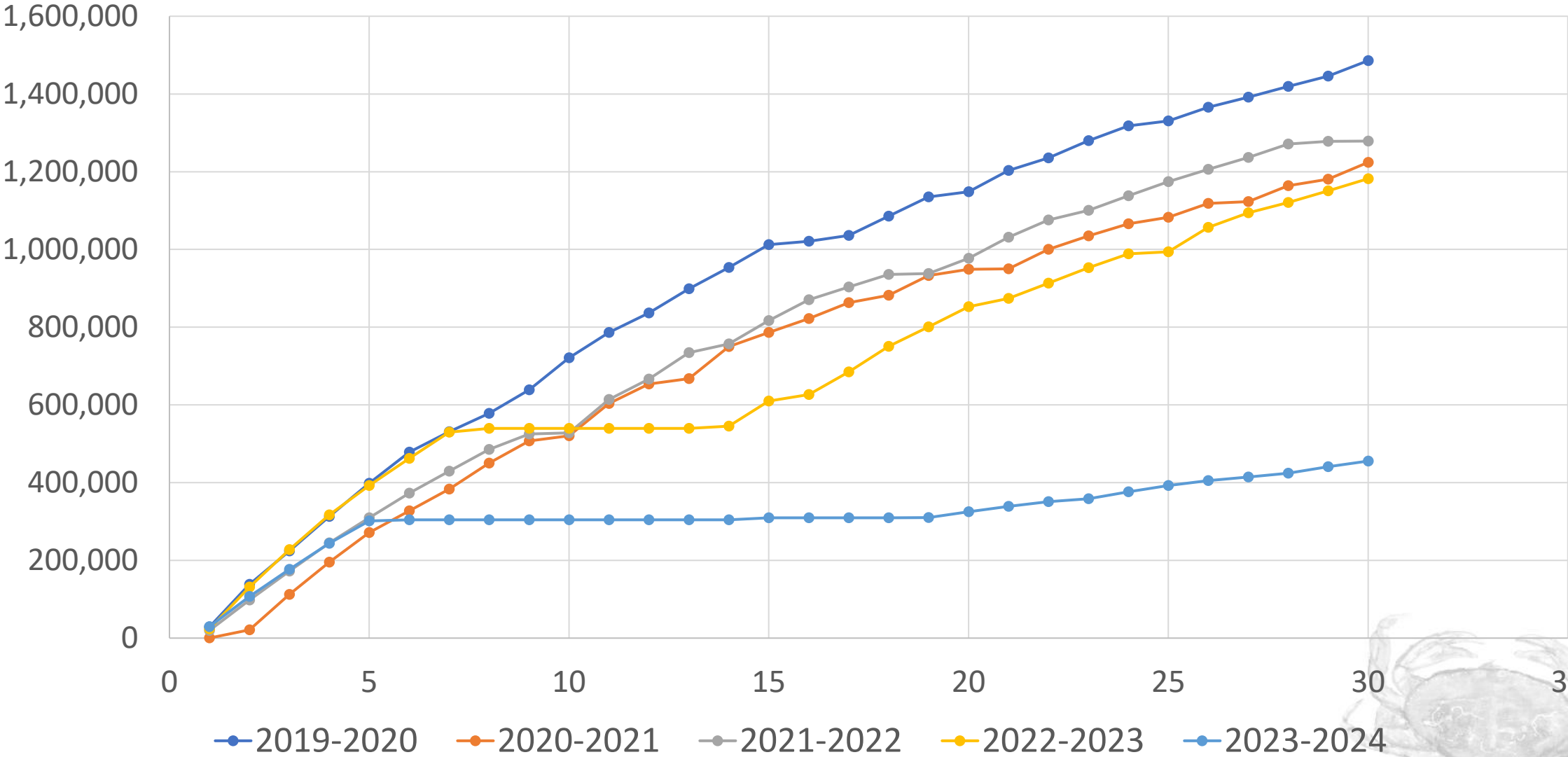
Set-Aside: 150,000 lbs

Questions on the November Retainer:

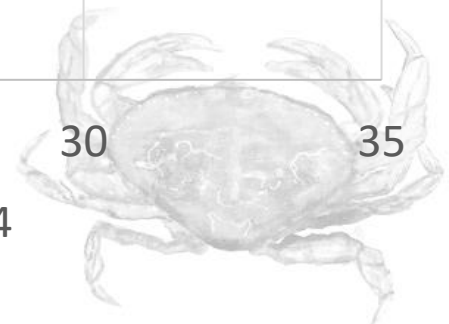
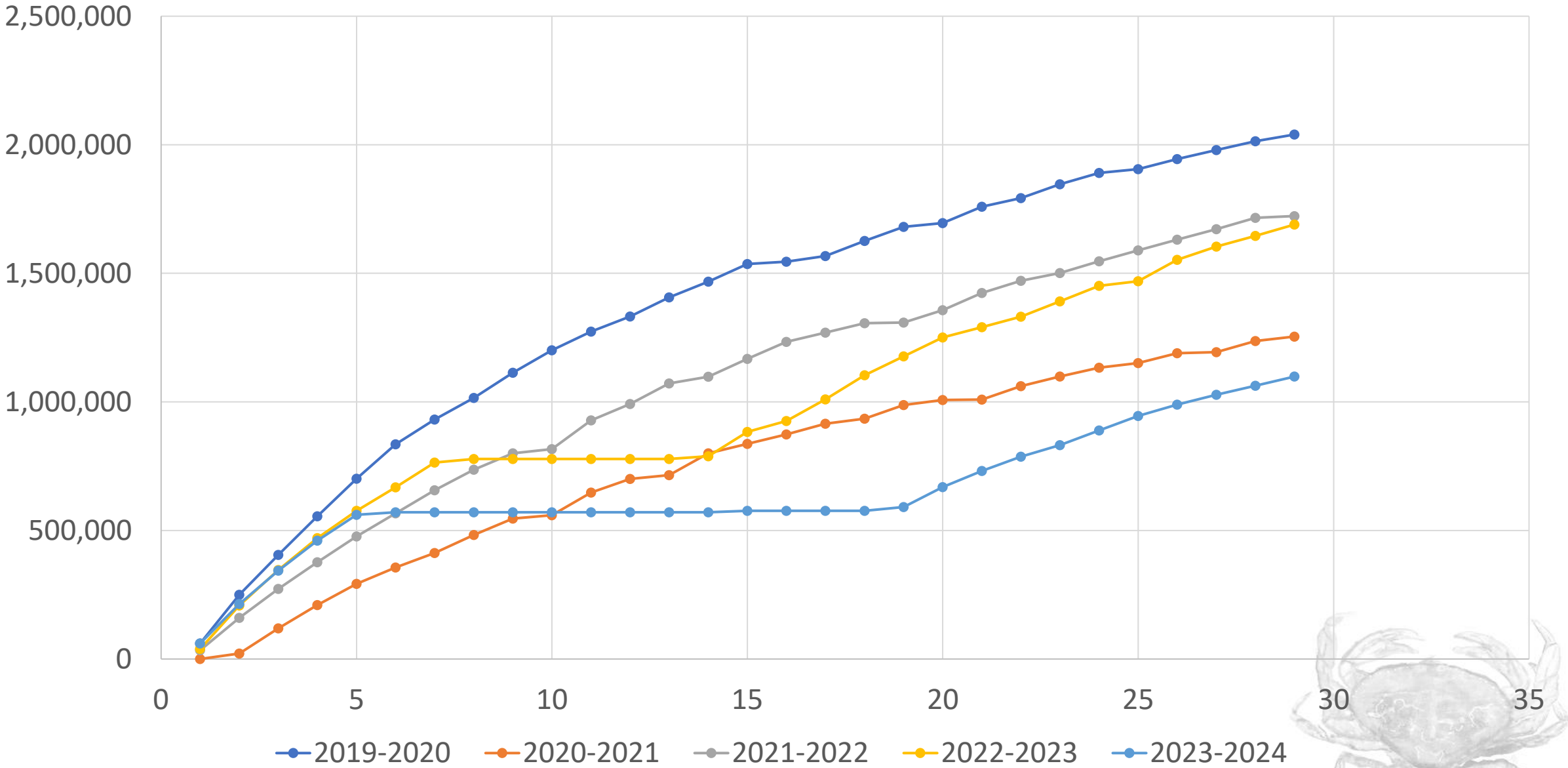
- Is the 1-million-pound threshold for harvest from Region 1 only or all regions combined?
- Will all regions be closed or just Region 1 when the 1-million-pound threshold is hit?
- Is there a price per pound threshold that should be implemented to stop the retainer closure?
- Are there any concerns /risks with implementing a November Retainer / pause?



Region 1 Cumulative Harvest Totals by Day of the Season



All Regions Cumulative Harvest Totals by Day of the Season



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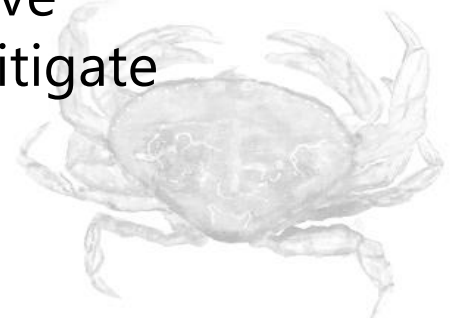
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Set-Aside: 150,000 lbs

Questions on the Set-Aside:

- What date should the set-aside be held until?
- Are there criteria other than date that should be considered to initiate earlier fishing? (i.e. Market price, time since the start of the coastal fishery, shell condition, etc.)
- Are there any concerns regarding a set-aside? If so, do you have suggestions that would mitigate them?



2024 / 2025 State Proposal

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- **Region 1** with **35 pots**
- **Region 2E** with **30 pots**
- **Region 2W** with **30 pots**
- **Subregion 3-1** with **50 pots**
- **Subregion 3-2** with **40 pots**
- **Subregion 3-3** with **50 pots**
- **Subregion 3-4** with **50 pots**

November Retainer: *Once total Region 1 harvest is greater than or equal to 1,000,000 lbs then close until November 10, 2024. If Region 1 harvest remains less than 1,000,000 lbs then remain open.*

Set-Aside: 150,000 lbs (Feb.1 start-date)

Modifications:

Increased pot limits in 2W and 2E to 30 matching the minimum pot level that was communicated last year.

Increased pot limit in 3-2 to reflect other industry input.

Start targeting the set-aside earlier March.



2024 / 2025 State Proposal – POST MEETING

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November Retainer: *Once total Region 1 harvest is greater than or equal to 1,400,000 lbs then close until November 10, 2024. If Region 1 harvest remains less than 1,400,000 lbs then remain open.*

Set-Aside: 100,000 lbs (Det. by Industry Input)



Other Topics

- Higher pot limit in Region 1
- Region 1 Test Fishery
- Late-Season Harvest
- Soft-shell Crab Handling and Mortality



Adjourn

Thank you!

