Puget Sound Recreational Crab/Shrimp Advisory Groups
In-Person Meeting / WDFW Office Mill Creek
Monday March 19, 2018
12:00 PM through ~3:00 PM

AGENDA

Crab Fisheries

1. Introductions
   a. Advisors and guests
   b. WDFW shellfish staff and recent changes

2. Update on the Dungeness harvest totals for the 2017-18 fishery
   a. Final quotas and adjustments made in-season
   b. Tribal commercial harvests by region, number of days open
   c. State commercial harvests by region, number of days open
   d. Summer and winter recreational harvest breakdown.

3. Low harvests and low abundance in South Sound and south Hood Canal
   a. Review of recent test fishery data from MA 11, MA 13, and south Hood Canal
   b. Discuss fishery options for low abundance areas

4. Crab Creel Study conducted in MA 2E, July 2017
   a. Background and description of the work done
   b. Summary and conclusions made from the data

5. Removals of closed-season crab gear
   a. Review of last season’s effort
   b. Common issues with recovered traps
   c. Strategy for gear sweeps in the 2018 season

6. Recreational crabber/shrimper education
   a. Discussion of strategies for reaching more people
   b. Options for training crabbers/shrimpers to avoid common mistakes
   c. Discussion of incentives to promote crabber/shrimper education

7. Update on Crab Endorsement Account

8. Regional Crab Management Plans and Tribal conversations

Shrimp Fisheries

9. Update on the shrimp harvest totals for the 2017-18 fisheries
   a. Tribal commercial harvests
   b. State commercial harvests
   c. Recreational harvests and season length

10. Bonus shrimp limits
    a. Feedback from last season
    b. Plans for the upcoming season and why
11. Review of shrimp test fisheries
   a. Post season 2017
   b. Pre-season 2018 to date


13. Regional Shrimp Management Plans and Tribal conversations

14. Likely season structures for 2018 recreational shrimp
   a. Open dates and number of hours
   b. Adjusting hours to minimize problems with strong currents

   **Advisory Group and Staff**

15. Formalizing a combined Recreational Crab/Shrimp Advisory Group
   a. Current members almost identical between the crab and shrimp groups
   b. Expectations and responsibilities of advisors
   c. Two year term lengths for advisors
   d. Making application

**Handouts:**
- Winter recreational catch memo (email)
- Preliminary Dungeness crab harvest summary for 2017-18 (email)
- Dungeness crab test fishing summaries for MA 11, MA 12, MA 13 (email)
- Summary of the closed-season gear sweep efforts (email)
- Preliminary shrimp harvest summary for 2017-18 (email)