Puget Sound Recreational Crab Advisory Group
Conference Call
Thursday January 31, 2019
8:30 AM through ~11:30 AM

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
   a. WDFW staff and advisory committee introductions
   b. Changes in contact information for the advisors
   c. Final comments about minutes from last meeting
   d. Forming the Mission Statement
   e. Status of the Advisory Group web page
   f. Progress toward hire of the Crustacean Lead (Mark O’Toole’s old position)

2. Shrimp Fishery
   a. Management plan drafts by region and proposed harvest targets
   b. Final harvest totals for the 2018 fisheries
      i. Tribal commercial shrimp harvests by region
      ii. State commercial shrimp harvests by region
      iii. Recreational shrimp harvests by management area
   c. 2019 recreational shrimp season planning
      i. Starting date and initial dates for the shorter spot shrimp seasons
      ii. Preliminary harvest targets by management area
      iii. Options for structuring recreational fisheries in 6 and 7 West
   d. Shrimp Test Fisheries information
      i. Post-season data and comparisons to previous years
      ii. Upcoming pre-season test fisheries

3. Crab Fishery
   a. Update on the harvest totals for the 2018-19 fishery
      i. Tribal commercial crab harvests by region
         1. How is unreported catch accounted for in Tribal fisheries
      ii. Recreational fishery
         1. Preliminary estimates for winter 2018
         2. Status of EUC negotiations for recreational crab fisheries
      iii. State commercial fishery harvests and status (complete, incomplete)
   b. Planning for the 2019-20 crab season
      i. Potential for a southern Hood Canal closure
      ii. Follow-up on Treaty request for later start in Hood Canal
      iii. Possibilities for red rock only harvest in MA 11, 13
   c. Crab test fisheries information
      i. Recent test fishery data collected
      ii. Upcoming test fisheries
      iii. Timing of post season crab test fishery in Hood Canal

4. Derelict and lost gear recovery
   a. Derelict Gear Report to the Legislature
   b. Summary of the 2018 Gear Recovery effort
      i. Characteristics of the traps lost
      ii. Recommendations to reduce trap loss
   c. Recommendations for future sweeps
Handouts:

- Puget Sound Shrimp Policy document (sent earlier)
- Map of shrimp management areas
- 2018 Shrimp Harvest Summary, final
- 2018 and draft 2019 shrimp harvest targets compared
- State spot shrimp CPUE estimates, commercial and recreational
- Map of crab management areas
- 2018-19 Harvest summary for crab, not final
- Trap sweep summary 2018
- Shrimp test fishing summary through 2018
- Derelict Gear Report to Legislature, 2018