Puget Sound Recreational Crab Advisory Group  
Meeting at WDFW Mill Creek Office  
Thursday September 27, 2018  
10:00 AM through ~1:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions (15 min)
   a. WDFW staff and advisory committee introductions
   b. Goals of this committee and advisor’s booklet
   c. Contact list for WDFW staff and advisors

2. Crab Fishery
   a. Status of the Crab Endorsement Account (10 min)
   b. 2018 Management plan status and quotas by region (10 min)
   c. Update on the status and harvest totals for the 2018-19 fishery (20 min)
      i. Tribal commercial crab harvests by region, number of days open
      ii. Recreational fishery
         1. Summer recreational harvest estimates by region
         2. Winter seasons and starting date
      iii. State commercial fishery details
   d. Planning for the 2019-20 crab season (15 min)
      i. Potential for a southern Hood Canal closure
      ii. Other season adjustments in Hood Canal
   e. Crab test fisheries information (10 min)
      i. Post-season data collected
      ii. Upcoming test fisheries scheduled

3. Shrimp Fishery
   a. Management plan status by region and quotas by management area (15 min)
   b. Review of how recreational shrimp harvest estimates are generated (15 min)
   c. Update on the harvest totals for the 2018 fisheries (30 min)
      i. Tribal commercial shrimp harvests by region, number of days open
      ii. State commercial shrimp harvests by region
      iii. Recreational shrimp harvests by management area
   d. Planning for the 2019 shrimp season (35 min)
      i. Starting date for the spot shrimp season
      ii. Strategy for structuring recreational fisheries in 6 and 7 West
      iii. Reformat of the recreational shrimp web page
   e. Shrimp test Fisheries information (10 min)
      i. Post-season data collected
      ii. Upcoming test fisheries scheduled

4. Derelict and lost gear recovery (*Likely for next meeting, but if time permits)
   a. Quick summary from the online lost gear reporting tool
   b. Enforcement sweep statistics
      i. Summer 2017
      ii. Summer 2018
   c. Characteristics of the traps lost
   d. Recommendations to reduce trap loss
   e. Recommendations for future sweeps
Handouts:

Map of crab management areas
Map of shrimp management areas
Puget Sound Crab Policy document
Harvest summary for crab
Puget Sound Shrimp Policy document
Harvest summary for shrimp
Contact list for WDFW staff and advisors
Trap sweep summaries, 2017 and 2018