

MEMORANDUM

TO: California Dungeness Crab Community and the General Public
FROM: DCTF Support Team
DATE: December 16, 2010
SUBJECT: DCTF Update- DCTF inoperative as of January 1, 2011

The California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) would like to announce that the California Dungeness crab task force (DCTF) is set to dissolve on **January 1, 2011** as per Fish and Game Code section 8276.4. After that date, all official business of the DCTF will be complete.

Since its establishment in September 2008, the DCTF convened seven meetings and submitted recommendations in two reports to the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, Department of Fish and Game, and the Fish and Game Commission. The reports contained a series of recommendation including, but not limited to:

- Long- and short-term fishery management objectives
- A 2-year statewide pilot pot limit program
- A mechanism to fund pre-season crab quality testing
- A permanent Dungeness crab advisory committee, and
- Continuation of the task force

In 2010, Senator Wiggins introduced SB1093, which fulfilled many of the DCTF's recommendations including the establishment of a pot limit program. In September 2010, SB1093 stalled in the legislature and was not passed.

The work of the DCTF has been compiled in a [Record of the Proceedings](http://www.opc.ca.gov/2009/04/dungeness-crab-task-force/) that is available on the DCTF webpage: <http://www.opc.ca.gov/2009/04/dungeness-crab-task-force/>. This document and the work of the DCTF can be used to inform future fishery management efforts in the Dungeness crab industry.

We would like to thank all of the DCTF members and public participants for their hard work and dedication and thank you for your interest in California's Dungeness crab resource management.

If you have any further questions, please contact mrcrabs@scc.ca.gov or Moira McEnespy at mmcenespy@scc.ca.gov or 510-286-4165.