

# Coastal Dungeness Crab Tri-State Committee 2013 Meeting

## Decisions and Next Steps Summary

Date: May 23, 2013

Location: Portland, OR

Attendance:

PSMFC: Dave Colpo, Carol Barstow

CDFW: Tom Barnes, Pete Kalvass, Christy Juhasz

CA Advisors: Kirk Younker, Randy Smith, Geoff Bettencourt, Craig Goucher, Mike Cunningham, Vince Doyle, Joe Mantua

ODFW: Steve Williams, Kelly Corbett

OR Advisors: John Corbin, Darus Peake, Bob Eder, Tom Nowlin, Chris Aiello, Willy Goergen

WDFW: Heather Reed, Dan Ayers

WDFW Advisors: Dale Beasley, Libie Cain, Dwight Eager, Larry Thevik, Ray Toste

WA Enforcement: Dan Chadwick, Murray Schlenker

Additional attendees: Hugh Link, Nick Furman, Bob Spelbrink, Rod Moore, Dan Averill, Steve Gray

### **Decisions:**

- Eliminate projections from the protocol
- Eliminate rounding test results north of Cascade Head and maintain rounding test results south of Cascade Head
- Revise the pre-season testing protocols so that each round of testing is scheduled to be completed a minimum five days prior to the gear set date if the season were approved to open. Decision makers retain the flexibility to reduce the notification period taking into account the needs of the coastal Dungeness crab industry.
- Clarify who decision makers are in the Tri-state process within the protocol
- WA will notify the other states when there are soft-shell delays north of Klipson Beach, WA. (with the understanding that this information will likely not be available prior to late November.)
- Tri-state recommendations for the CA Dungeness Crab Task Force:
  - Consider flexibility in setting start date outside of 15 day increments
  - Consider Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> target start date
  - Consider how to move the Tri-State southern boundary line to the CA/Mexico border to include the District 10 area using the current Tri-State protocol as a template and starting point. Recommendations developed by the Task Force would be brought back to Tri-State for review and discussion.
  - Consider revising the pre-soak period and start time to avoid a 12AM start time for pulling gear.
- Each state will talk with permit holders regarding the appropriate pre-soak period to avoid 12AM start time for pulling gear.

**Next Steps:**

- States approve meeting summary document for Dave to post.
- Modify testing protocols reflecting agreed to changes.
- Each state sign new protocol signature page agreeing to the changes.
- Plan for another meeting one year from now.