



Coastal Dungeness Crab Tri-State Committee Meeting

CDFW State Rattigan Office
Room 410 (4th floor)
50 D St Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Wednesday, May 15-16, 2024

Agenda – Day 1 (1:00 – 5:00 pm)

1:00 pm **I. Welcome / Introductions / Approve Agenda / Meeting Materials**
(Caren Braby)

1:40 pm **II. Purpose of the meeting**
(Heather Hall/Justin Ainsworth/Joanna Grebel)

2:00 pm **III. Season protocol issues (*Discussion*)**
(Kelly Corbett)
a. Meat criteria
b. February 1 last opening date
c. Protocol clarifications

BREAK (15 minutes)

2:00 pm **III. Season protocol issues (*Discussion continued*)**
d. Changing target December 1 opening date
e. 30-day fair start
f. Astoria test station

4:45 pm **Assignments for tomorrow**

5:00 pm **Adjourn**

6:30 pm **GROUP DINNER GATHERING (optional)**

Agenda – Day 2 (8 AM – 5 PM)

8:00 am **Doors open**

8:30 am **IV. Finalize season protocol changes (*Decision-making*)**

(Heather Hall/Justin Ainsworth/Joanna Grebel)

- a. Decisions:
 - i. Meat criteria
 - ii. Feb 1 last opening date
 - iii. Protocol clarifications
 - iv. Astoria test station
- b. Next steps

9:30 am **V. Line-marking (*Discussion*)**

(Caren Braby/Brittany Harrington)

- a. State line marking schemes, progress and timeline updates –
(CA-Christy Juhasz, OR-Brittany Harrington, WA-Lorna Wargo/Megan Hintz)
 - i. Proposed marking requirements
 - ii. Prohibition of marks used by other states/fisheries/recreational
 - iii. Comparison of state marking schemes and discussion of key differences
- b. NMFS feedback on sufficiency of updated crab line marking proposals
(Dan Lawson)

BREAK (15 minutes)

11:00 am **V. Line marking (*Discussion continued*)**

- c. NMFS federal sablefish fishery line marking update
(Keeley Kent; not able to attend - Maggie Sommer, POC)
 - i. Presentation on the key differences in goals and approach from crab approach (e.g. not marking surface gear)
 - ii. What on-going coordination between PFMC/NMFS/States is needed?
 - iii. Coordination on best colors for sablefish across the region
- d. Next steps

LUNCH (12:00 – 1:00 pm)

1:00 pm **VI. Gear recovery programs and funding (*Discussion*)**

(Christy Juhasz)

- a. Compare and contrast elements of gear retrieval across each state
- b. Has participation changed in program since implementation?

2:30 pm **VII. NMFS Take Reduction Team updates (*Discussion*)**

(Dan Lawson)

- a. Purpose, process and timelines
- b. NMFS expectation of states for manager and stakeholder representative recommendations

BREAK (15 minutes)

3:45 pm VIII. Crab fishery capacity and gear reductions (*Discussion*)

(Heather Hall)

- a. Benefits of addressing
 - i. Competition for space
 - ii. Minimization of entanglements
 - iii. Others?
- b. Is there interest in considering additional effort reduction measures in the Dungeness crab fishery? By state and/or coastwide?
 - i. Reduced coastwide pot limit
 - ii. License buyback
 - iii. Permit stacking
 - iv. Other

4:45 pm IX. Next Steps

5:00 pm Adjourn – Thank you for your commitment to this fishery!

Meeting materials

- III. Season Protocol
 - i. List of alternatives for meat criteria - descriptions, pros/cons
 - ii. Coastwide season opening dates by season/area
- V. Line Marking
 - i. Slide deck – line marking approach, by state
 - ii. Line marking comparison table
- VI. Derelict Gear Recovery
 - i. Derelict gear recovery program comparison table

Reference materials

MOU/Protocol