

Final Meeting Summary
DCTF Executive Committee
Thursday, May 10, 2012
1-2pm

Meeting Participants

EC Members Present	Geoff Bettencourt, Bill Blue, Larry Collins, Mike Cunningham, Vince Doyle, Brett Fahning
Admin Team	Rachelle Fisher, Kelly Sayce
EC Members Absent	Bill Carvahlo

Meeting Summary

All “next steps” are **in bold** below

- Discussion of Executive Committee (EC) conference call structure and procedures to manage discussions.
- EC operating procedures were discussed.
 - The EC agreed:
 - At least 2/3 (or four (4)) EC members should be required for an EC meeting to proceed. If 2/3 of members were unable to attend then the meeting/call will be rescheduled.
 - All decisions made by the EC would be made by consensus; no voting will take place within the EC.
- The EC discussed its role, responsibilities, and commitments to the DCTF.
 - The EC identified the realities of limited DCTF meetings and available resources to convene the DCTF, and agreed that issues will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Products may need to be developed to help move DCTF recommendations,¹ intentions, and sentiments forward between DCTF meetings. EC actions would be focused on time-sensitive, non-controversial topics.
 - All controversial topics and/or topics that have not been fully vetted by the DCTF would be brought to the DCTF for full discussion.
 - The EC will not speak for the DCTF, nor make decisions/recommendations on behalf of the collective DCTF.
- The Admin Team’s role was discussed. EC members requested the Admin Team act as a “go-between” between the DCTF/EC and DFG/Legislature/Commission, etc. The Admin Team confirmed this liaison role was one of their main priorities. They assured the EC that they would keep them informed of issues coming down the pipeline and encouraged two-way communication between the EC and the Admin Team to ensure the Admin Team’s research efforts were informed by the EC/DCTF.
- The EC discussed the recent letter from the DFG Director regarding consideration of out-of-state landings ([http://www.opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/project_pages/dctf/SB369_\(Evans,2011\)/comment_public/Bonham_responsetoWDFW_2012.05.07.pdf](http://www.opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/project_pages/dctf/SB369_(Evans,2011)/comment_public/Bonham_responsetoWDFW_2012.05.07.pdf)). The EC was pleased with the letter’s message and

¹ Recommendations include those ideas detailed in the DCTF’s January 15, 2010, March 31, 2010, and April 27, 2012 DCTF reports.

felt it was supportive of the DCTF and its efforts. The EC agreed to send a “thank you” letter to the Director from the EC.

- **The Admin Team will draft a “thank you” letter to the Director for the EC’s review; once approved the Admin Team will submit the letter to the Director on behalf of the EC.**
- The EC inquired about the status of the trap limit program implementation date and asked the Admin Team to follow up with DFG.
 - **The Admin Team will check in with DFG staff for updates on this topic including inquiring about when buoy tags will be ordered by DFG and the status to tier assignments.**
- The EC briefly identified issues for future EC Meetings:
 - Tri-state issues: Some of the EC Members are on the Tri-state Dungeness crab committee and could work on Tri-state issues identified by the DCTF. The Admin Team suggested inviting DFG staff to join an EC conversation on such issues.
 - **The Admin Team will inform DFG staff of the EC’s interest to work on Tri-state issues and work to set up a future call/meeting with DFG staff and the EC.**
 - The EC briefly discussed emergency transfers. They thought the topic required additional discussion and would like to re-read AB 2363 before discussing the issue further at the next EC meeting.
 - **The Admin Team will recirculate AB 2363 to the EC.**
 - The EC discussed the need for reliable funding (with accountability measures) for crab quality testing. The EC will review the DCTF’s original recommendation on this topic (Report #2- Recommendations from the California Dungeness Crab Task Force regarding management of the fishery in accordance with SB1690- March 31, 2010 http://www.opc.ca.gov/webmaster/ftp/project_pages/dctf/Final_DCTF_LegReport2.pdf) for additional discussion during the next EC meeting.
 - **The Admin Team will recirculate the DCTF’s recommendation on funding for crab quality testing**
 - **The Admin Team will contact DFG staff on this topic to confirm there are no enforcement concerns associated with the DCTF’s original recommendation**
- The EC said they would be available to meet again and continue discussing the issues identified in two weeks time.
 - **The Admin Team will coordinate an conference call for the next EC meeting for the week of May 21**