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DCTF,

My name is David Evanow and I've been a commercial crab fisherman for 40 years! My wife and I own 2 active crab vessels with one being a 78 ft vessel and the other a 41 ft vessel. Both these boats actively fish crabs and between the 2 boats have 7 employees. This fishery is our only income and for that reason changes to it will have a huge impact to our lives. The larger boat, which I captain, fishes 600 crab pots and the smaller boat fishes 500 crab pots. These pot numbers seem to work well for us and I like to keep them around that number from year to year!

I've listened and read about ALL the proposals to "fix" the fishery and really don't see what is "broken" in it! If a pot reduction is needed, why do certain fisherman have to give the most why others stay at their existing number of pots or even realize an increase to the number of pots they can fish? If the total pots in the ocean need to be reduced ALL fisherman should feel the PAIN equally instead of just a few suffering the most! Some of the proposals I have heard take pots from guys like me and give them to fisherman that are part time or looking to sell their vessels, permits or pot allocation at a huge profit! To me this is not a fair reduction but more like "Robbing From The Rich To Give To The Poor"! Any law pertaining to "Pot Limits" should take into consideration catch history, years in the fishery and any other factors that separate the fisherman that feed their families from the crab fishery and those fisherman that want the Dungeness Crab Fishery to fund their retirement!

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