



~California Dungeness Crab Task Force~

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Guidelines for Providing Public Comment to the California Dungeness Crab Task Force

The Dungeness crab task force (DCTF) operates within the requirements of the Bagley Keene Open Meetings Act (http://www.ag.ca.gov/publications/bagleykeene2004_ada.pdf). All DCTF meetings that involve a quorum of members (15 members) are required to be open to the public and will be noticed ten (10) days in advance on the DCTF website and listserv. Members of the public are encouraged to attend DCTF meetings, as well as to provide comment to the DCTF, both verbally and in writing.

Verbal Comments at Meetings

All DCTF meetings will afford members of the public the opportunity to speak on each agenda item, including any action items. Time will also be allotted for general public comments. Agendas for DCTF meeting are posted ten (10) days in advance of each meeting, and can be found on the DCTF website: <http://www.opc.ca.gov/2009/04/dungeness-crab-task-force/>.

Guidelines for general public comment at meetings include:

- Comment cards will be made available at each meeting. Members of the public will submit cards to the DCTF Admin Team at the start of a public comment period. No new comment cards will be accepted once the comment period has begun. Speakers must be present and turn in their own cards (this applies to all individual speakers who wish to cede their time to other speakers).
- Comment cards will be counted and, at the discretion of the DCTF Admin Team, time allocated to each speaker will be based on the total available time and number of individuals wishing to speak.
- Media presentations, such as slides and videos, are permitted by prior arrangement (contact Kelly at 707-832-4088 or kelly@strategiearth.com) and may be limited depending on time availability.
- An atmosphere of respect and consideration among the public is essential for a productive comment period. Personal attacks, verbal threats, hostile comments, clapping, jeering and the like will not be tolerated.

Written Comments

Written comments are accepted on an ongoing basis via email, standard mail or fax. All written comments are collated on a regular basis, distributed to the DCTF, and posted on the DCTF webpage. Comments to the DCTF may be submitted to:

crabs@scc.ca.gov or
1171 Robertson Blvd., Suite 352
Los Angeles, CA 90035

For regular updates on DCTF meetings and products, sign up for the DCTF listserv at: <https://lists.ceres.ca.gov/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/dcrabpublic>