

California Dungeness Crab Task Force Meeting

Reconvening of the DCTF

Ukiah Valley Conference Center
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Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Discussion of DCTF process and approach
3. Review DCTF charter
4. Presentation and discussion of draft regulations for the Dungeness crab trap limit program
5. General public comment
6. Discussion DCTF interests and priorities
7. Next steps



1. Welcome and Introductions

- DCTF Admin Team
- DCTF Members
- Members of the Public



2. DCTF Process and Approach

Review DCTF binders

- SB 369
- Handy Guide to Bagley Keene
- DCTF Record of the Proceedings
- Key Resources Guide
- Sport and Commercial Fishing Regulations
- DCTF Schedule and Key Milestones

Handouts

- Draft amended DCTF charter and companion document
- Draft regulations, Dungeness crab trap limit program
- Guidelines for Providing Public Comment



2. DCTF Process and Approach

Overview, SB 1690 to SB 369

- Background
- DCTF charge
- DCTF schedule and key milestones

Review of DCTF Ground Rules

- Sept. 8, 2010 ground rules still apply

Bagley Keene Open Meetings Act

DCTF Procedures

- Meeting summaries
- Final reports



2. DCTF Process and Approach

Role of Public

- Public participation guidelines
- Public comment
 - All agenda items and/or action items
 - General public comment
- DCTF ground rules



3. DCTF Charter Review

- Why are we revisiting?
- General amendments
- DCTF review and discussion
- Action item?



4. Trap Limit Program

- Overview presentation by DFG
- DCTF discussion
 - Have ~4 hours allocated
 - Interactive dialogue with DFG
- Public comment after lunch



4. Trap Limit Program

During discussions with DFG, DCTF is encouraged to consider:

- **Trap tags** – is the distinction between tag types (trap and buoy) clear?
- **Transferability of tags/permits** – 2 year prohibition for Tier 7
- **Waivers to transport another's traps**– are there any other circumstances to which a waiver should be issued? Should not be issued?
- **Biennial trap limit permits** –



4. Trap Limit Program

During discussions with DFG, DCTF is encouraged to consider:

- **Replacement procedures for lost buoy tags** – steps missing? How many crab traps are typically lost per fisherman per season?
- **Appeal allocations and deadlines** –
- Do regulations accurately/sufficiently interpret the intent of SB 369?
- Are there elements of trap limit program that have not been addressed in the proposed regulations?



5. General Public Comment

- Speaker cards available; please fill out and give to Admin Team
- Reminder of public comment guidelines:
 - No new comment cards will be accepted once the comment period has begun.
 - 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.
 - An atmosphere of respect and consideration is essential; personal attacks, verbal threats, hostile comments, clapping, jeering and the like will not be tolerated.



6. DCTF Interests and Priorities

- Discussion may include:
 - Fair-start provisions
 - Refining sport and commercial fishery management measures
 - Season modifications
 - Latent permits
 - Essential fishery information needs
 - Short- and long-term objectives for improved management
- Port and organizational caucuses, workgroups



7. Next Steps

- Discuss draft regulations with DCTF constituents
 - May 1st deadline for DCTF recommendations on Dungeness crab trap limit program
 - DCTF ready to vote at next meeting
- Next DCTF meeting
 - Monday, April 2, 2012?
- Other?

