



**Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery Statewide Trap Limit Program**

*Abridged Summary of Dungeness Crab Task Force (DCTF) Votes*

April 2, 2012

This document provides a summary of Action Items and associated votes taken by the DCTF at its April 2, 2012 meeting in Ukiah, California. Any vote marked as “approved” will be forwarded as a recommendation to the Director Department of Fish and Game. Any votes marked as “not approved” will not be included in the report.

The following voting protocol, described in the DCTF Charter, was used to conduct straw polls and final voting:

**Thumbs Down:** I do not agree with the proposal. I feel the need to block its adoption and propose an alternative.

**Thumbs Sideways:** I can accept the proposal although I do not necessarily support it.

**Thumbs Up:** I think this proposal is the best choice of the options available to us.

**Abstention:** At times, a pending decision may be infeasible for a Member to weigh in on. Examples could include but not be limited to: a Member cannot get a consensus of his/her constituents and therefore cannot offer a proposal or opinion; and other similar conditions.

**For more background about the April 2, 2012 meeting, please refer to the meeting summary at: <http://www.opc.ca.gov/2009/04/dungeness-crab-task-force/>**

**DCTF Votes**

**ACTION:** *Consideration and possible adoption of recommendations to the Department of Fish and Game on its proposed statewide trap limit program regulations.*

**APPROVED: Recommendation 1.** Section 132.1(a): Replace “contact information sufficient to identify the owner of the trap” with “contact information sufficient to identify the vessel operating the trap”

Thumbs up	Thumbs Sideways	Thumbs Down	Abstained	Absent
21	0	0	0	1

*Vote of all DCTF Members (nonvoting Members abstained):*

Thumbs up (21): Anderson, Atkinson, Bennett, Bettencourt, Caito, Cappotto, Collins, Cunningham, Doyle, Fahning, Goucher, Hemmingsen, Johnson, Klassen, Lawson, Powers, Standley, Whaley, Wilson, Yarnall, Yearwood

Thumbs sideways (0): None

Thumbs down (0): None



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Absent (1): Blue

**APPROVED: Recommendation 2.** Section 132.1(b)(3): Rock crab may not be fished with traps on permitted commercial Dungeness crab fishing vessels 30 days prior to the commercial Dungeness crab presoak, or season opener, whichever comes first.

Thumbs up	Thumbs Sideways	Thumbs Down	Abstained	Absent
13	6	0	0	3

*Vote of all DCTF Members (nonvoting Members abstained):*

Thumbs up (13): Anderson, Atkinson, Bennett, Bettencourt, Cappotto, Cunningham, Goucher, Johnson, Klassen, Lawson, Standley, Wilson, Yarnall

Thumbs sideways (6): Caito, Fahning, Hemmingson, Powers, Whaley, Yearwood

Thumbs down (0): None

Absent (3): Blue, Collins, Doyle

**APPROVED: Recommendation 3.** Dungeness crab fishery would like to work with rock crab commercial fishery to discuss and resolve overlapping issues.

Thumbs up	Thumbs Sideways	Thumbs Down	Abstained	Absent
19	1	0	0	2

*Vote of all DCTF Members (nonvoting Members abstained):*

Thumbs up (19): Anderson, Atkinson, Bennett, Bettencourt, Caito, Collins, Cunningham, Fahning, Goucher, Hemmingsen, Johnson, Klassen, Lawson, Powers, Standley, Whaley, Wilson, Yarnall, Yearwood

Thumbs sideways (1): Cappotto

Thumbs down (0): None

Absent (2): Blue, Doyle

**APPROVED: Recommendation 4.** Section 132.1(b)(3): The DCTF agrees with current language in draft regulations – “A Dungeness crab trap used in compliance with this section shall only be used for the commercial take of crab” and recommends clarification that dually permitted commercial Dungeness crab/CPFV vessels may not fish Dungeness crab before the commercial Dungeness crab season opener.

Thumbs up	Thumbs Sideways	Thumbs Down	Abstained	Absent
20	1	0	0	1

*Vote of all DCTF Members (nonvoting Members abstained):*

Thumbs up (20): Anderson, Atkinson, Bennett, Bettencourt, Caito, Cappotto, Collins, Cunningham, Doyle, Fahning, Goucher, Hemmingsen, Johnson, Klassen, Lawson, Standley, Whaley, Wilson, Yarnall, Yearwood

Thumbs sideways (1): Powers



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Thumbs down (0): None

Absent (1): Blue

**APPROVED: Recommendation 5.** Section 132.2. The DCTF approve DFG’s suggested edits to Section 132.2, *Waiver for a Permitted Dungeness Crab Vessel to Retrieve Another Vessel’s Dungeness Crab Traps* with the following additional edits:

- Section 132.2(a)(2)(A) update language to include: No more than six (6) traps (untagged, not tagged with tags of the vessel) may be retrieved per trip.
- Section 2(a)(2)(E): change August 29-October 31 to July 16 through October 31.
- Section 2(a)(2)(F): remove “one time retrieval.”

Thumbs up	Thumbs Sideways	Thumbs Down	Abstained	Absent
13	7	1	0	1

*Vote of all DCTF Members (nonvoting Members abstained):*

Thumbs up (13): Anderson, Atkinson, Bennett, Caito, Cappotto, Collins, Goucher, Johnson, Lawson, Standley, Wilson, Yarnall, Yearwood

Thumbs sideways (7): Cunningham, Doyle, Fahning, Hemmingsen, Klassen, Powers, Whaley

Thumbs down (1): Bettencourt

Absent (1): Blue

**APPROVED: Recommendation 6.** The DCTF recommends that only California landings are considered as part of the trap limit program tier allocations.

Thumbs up	Thumbs Sideways	Thumbs Down	Abstained	Absent
16	4	1	0	1

*Vote of all DCTF Members (nonvoting Members abstained):*

Thumbs up (16): Anderson, Atkinson, Bennett, Bettencourt, Caito, Cappotto, Cunningham, Doyle, Fahning, Goucher, Hemmingsen, Johnson, Lawson, Standley, Wilson, Yearwood

Thumbs sideways (4): Collins, Klassen, Powers, Yarnall

Thumbs down (1): Whaley

Absent (1): Blue

**APPROVED: Recommendation 7.** The DCTF requests the opinion of the California Attorney General to determine the legality of considering only California landings as part of the trap limit program.

Thumbs up	Thumbs Sideways	Thumbs Down	Abstained	Absent
11	8	2	0	1

*Vote of all DCTF Members (nonvoting Members abstained):*

Thumbs up (11): Caito, Doyle, Fahning, Goucher, Johnson, Klassen, Lawson, Wilson, Yarnall, Yearwood, Whaley

Thumbs sideways (8): Atkinson, Bettencourt, Bennett, Collins, Cunningham, Hemmingsen, Powers,



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Standley

Thumbs down (2): Anderson, Cappotto

Absent (4): Blue

**APPROVED: Recommendation 8.** The DCTF approves the Dungeness crab trap limit program draft regulations with the amendments approved during the March 12, 2012 DCTF meeting, as reflected in the updated draft regulations (March 30, 2012), and as approved and finalized during the April 2, 2012 meeting.

Thumbs up	Thumbs Sideways	Thumbs Down	Abstained	Absent
17	3	1	0	2

*Vote of all DCTF Members (nonvoting Members abstained):*

Thumbs up (17): Atkinson, Bennett, Bettencourt, Collins, Caito, Cappotto, Cunningham, Fahning, Goucher, Hemmingsen, Johnson, Klassen, Lawson, Standley, Wilson, Yarnall, Yearwood

Thumbs sideways (3): Anderson, Doyle, Powers

Thumbs down (1): Whaley

Absent (2): Blue, Lawson

### **Next Steps**

These recommendations along with those approved at the March 12, 2012 DCTF meeting will be forwarded to the Director of the Department of Fish and Game no later than May 1, 2012.