

The Duck Plan

Active Crab Permits get	300 trap tags	120,000 traps
Latent Crab Permits get	100 trap tags	20,000 traps

This would first take care of equity problems, as all active permits would receive equal initial allocation.

If we used the latent traps as a pool for stacking up to a 400 trap cap, it would allow for the needs of larger vessels and increase the value of the latent permits for their owners. If we did a 2 for 1 on those transfers, it would retire an additional 10,000 traps.

This plan would decrease pots in the ocean. It would stop the trap race and bring sanity back to the fishery. It would maintain the makeup of the fleet and be fair and acceptable to the majority of the fleet. It would not be hard to enforce and after an uptick of transfers at the beginning, would stabilize things. We could then disband the DCTF and get back to work. Fair Start or Statewide Opener provisions could be added, if these measures were not deemed sufficient.