

## **Evaluation Topics**

### **Dungeness Crab Commercial Trap Limit Evaluation**

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This document was drafted for the California Dungeness Crab Task Force (DCTF) Executive Committee (EC) to inform discussions regarding the California commercial Dungeness crab trap limit program evaluation. The DCTF Admin Team, along with Carrie Pomeroy, California Sea Grant/DCTF ex-officio member, and Christy Juhasz, CDFW, have been working together to address the DCTF's legislatively mandated evaluation of the trap limit program. Drawing on DCTF discussions over time and recent conversations with Oregon and Washington agency staff, we had a brainstorming session with Carrie and Christy, and developed a draft set of topics that the trap limit evaluation should address. We would like to share this list and consult with the EC on it during the August 14, 2015 EC conference call to ensure the topics address DCTF Members' priorities. Based on that discussion, we will develop and refine the evaluation plan and associated questions, and bring them back to the EC and DCTF for further discussion and consideration.

#### **Trap Limit Program Evaluation Topics**

- *Access to the fishery*
- *Distribution of trap permits among tiers over time*
- *Fishing capacity*
- *Effort/catch trends over space and time*
- *Direct and indirect economic impacts*
- *Program operation and effectiveness*
- *Program costs and resources*