

**Public Comments Provided to the Dungeness Crab Task force (DCTF) in
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Public Comment

I am a CPFV operator and owner of the Hulicat out of Pillar Point harbor in San Mateo County. I believe that the Dungeness crab limit should be uniform for every recreational angler at 10 crabs. All recreational anglers pay the same amount for their fishing licenses, but they are not treated equally when it comes to the Dungeness crab bag limit.

Recreational anglers on private boats have a bag limit of ten throughout the state. The same limit applies to anglers accessing the resource using the services of a CPFV operator north of Sonoma county. However, recreational anglers in Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties without access to private boats have a bag limit of only six crab.

Not only is this unfair to many recreational license holders, it disadvantages CPFV operators in those five counties. Anglers are more likely to book a trip on a CPFV with a ten-crab limit than a six-crab limit. Moreover, anglers with the option of riding on a private boat with a ten-crab bag limit will not likely jump on a CPFV vessel for six crab even if they would otherwise prefer the greater comfort, safety and professionalism.

The Dungeness crab resource is healthy. There is no limit on total allowable catch. There is no conservation reason whatsoever to discriminate against recreational anglers who access the resource using the services of CPFV operators in five California counties.

Tom Mattusch
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Public Comment:

To whom it may concern

My name is Duane Winter and I am the owner / operator of a Six Pack CPFV called Mooch Better out of Pillar Point Harbor in San Mateo County. I think it is unfair that CPFV boats out of Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties are restricted to only 6 crab per person while all other recreational anglers are allowed 10 per day. Recreational anglers should be allowed 10 per day whether it be from a private boat or a chartered boat as it is north of Sonoma county.

Anglers would more likely book a trip on a CPFV if they were allowed the same 10 crab limit that they can get from private boats. With the 6 crab limit it is a great disadvantage to us CPFV boats in those five counties.

There is no reason to limit recreational anglers that want to use the services of a CPFV operator. The Dungeness crab resource is healthy and there is no limit on the total

allowable catch.

Please stop discriminating against recreational anglers that want to use the services of CPFV operators.

Captain Duane Winter

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