

Dungeness Crab Industry Survey: Interests and Priorities for an Industry- Representative Organization

A online survey was circulated via the DCTF email list in October 2016. The questions asked were designed to help inform the DCTF's discussions on the value of establishing an industry-representative organization and identify options for how this entity should be structured, funded, and operate moving forward.

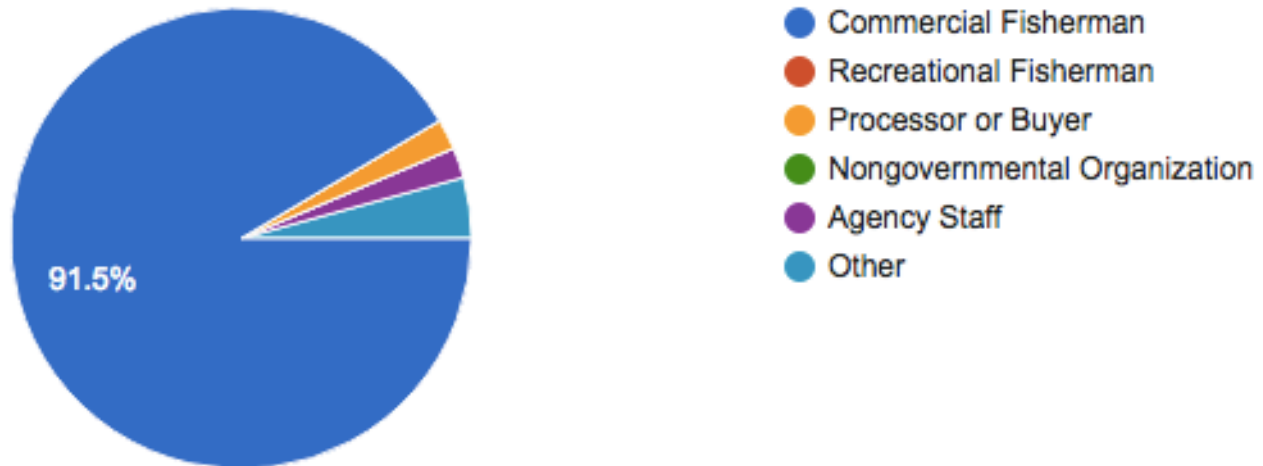
The following slides provide a summary of the survey results, which were presented to the DCTF during the October 25-26, 2016 meeting.

For questions or additional information, please contact info@dungenesscrabtaskforce.com.

Survey Results

47 responses

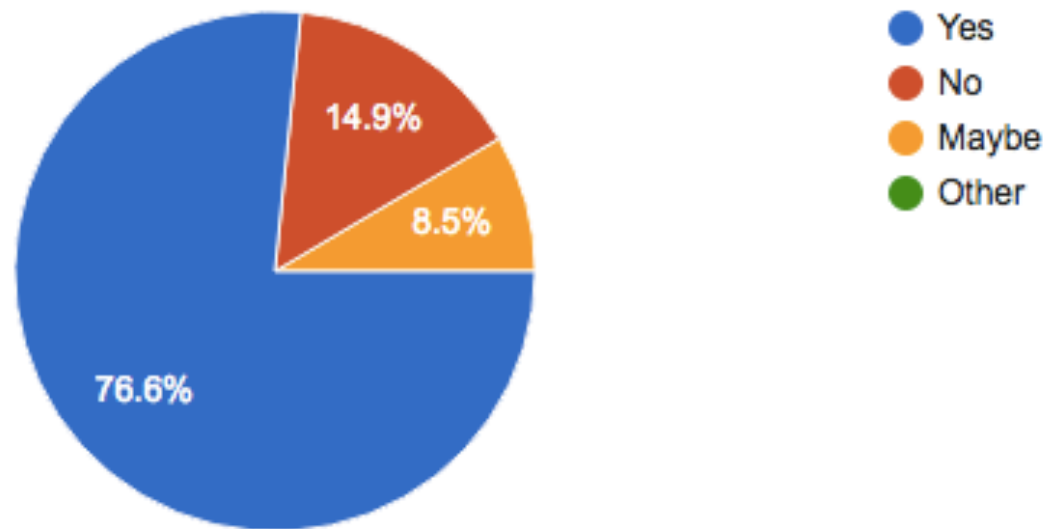
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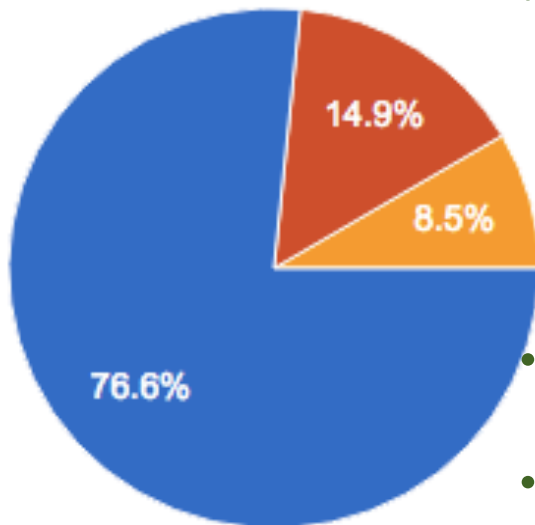
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1. Do you see value in a Dungeness crab industry-representative organization?

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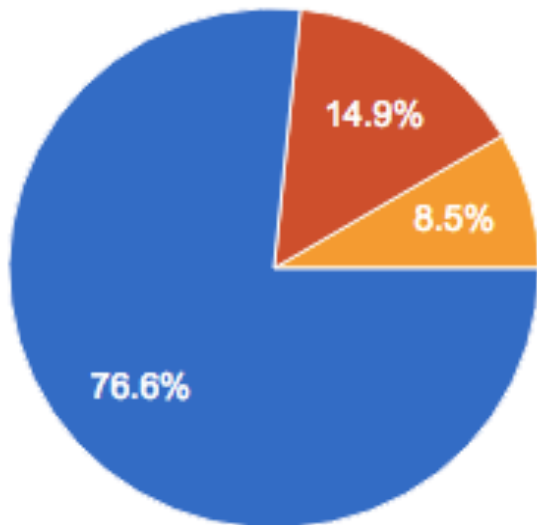
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Explanations for Yes:

- Important to have an industry voice to inform legislature and managers
 - Unforeseen issues will arise
 - State needs a consensus view of what the fleet wants
 - Ensure best interest of the fleet is clearly communicated
- Fishery needs a body that has port representation to help make decisions on behalf of the fleet on difficult issues
- Conduit for intelligent conversation on difficult topics (e.g. domoic acid)
- Valuable tool for getting information to the fleet
- Democratic systems like the DCTF work well
- Good liaison between fleet and government, managers, and NGOs
- DCTF= important liaison with Tri-State Committee
- Yes... but there is room for improvement

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Explanations for Maybe:

- Too many laws and regulations were made during a short period of time through the DCTF that have had unsatisfactory results for the fleet
- Members should be better vetted
- Term limits are needed
- Members should be elected

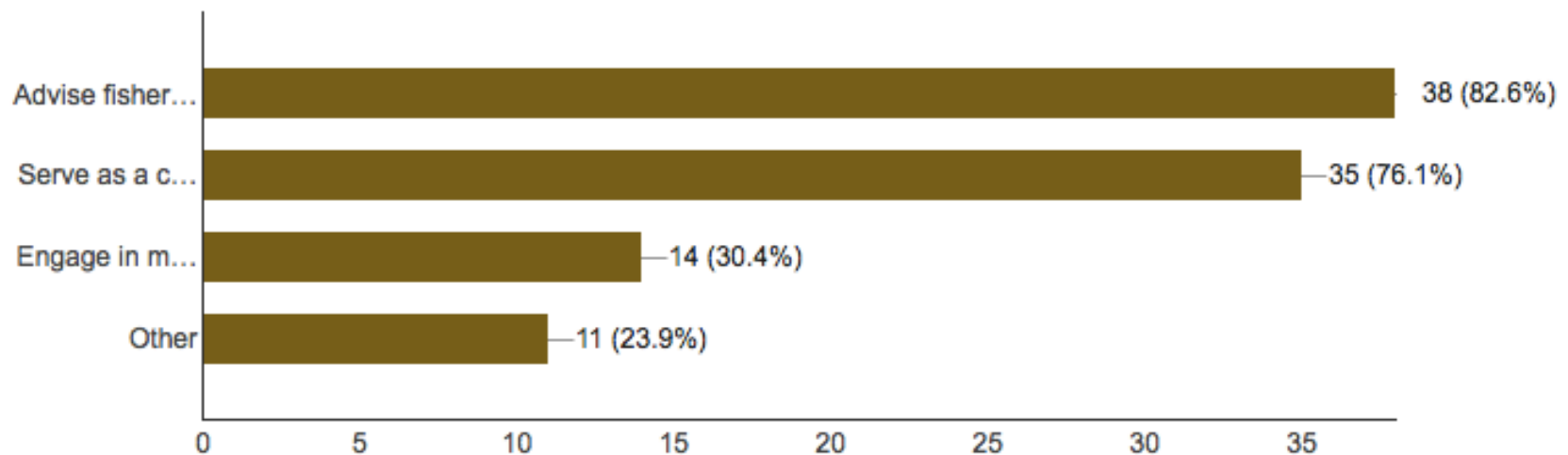
Explanations for No:

- California/CDFW doesn't listen to the DCTF
- Too expensive for the fleet
- No accountability

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2. What role should a Dungeness crab industry-representative organization serve? (Check all that apply)

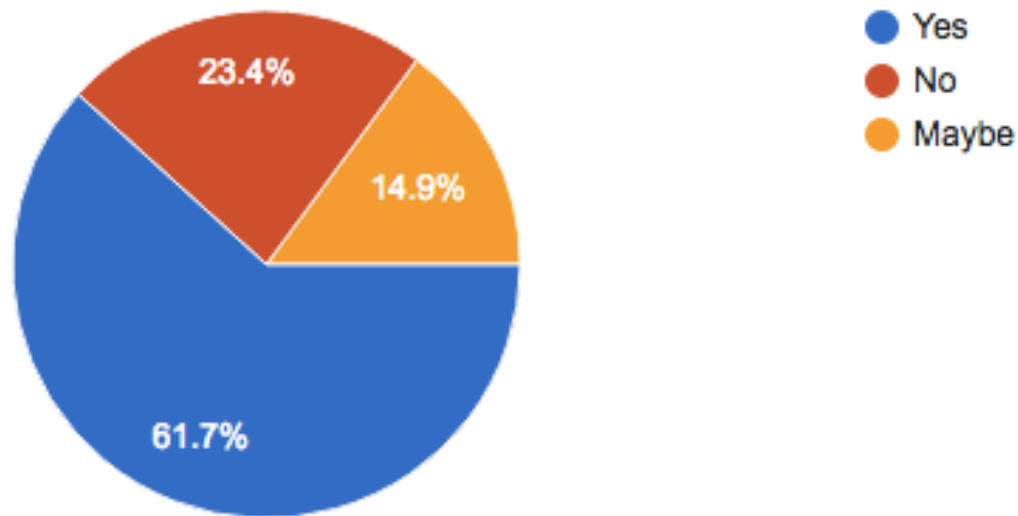
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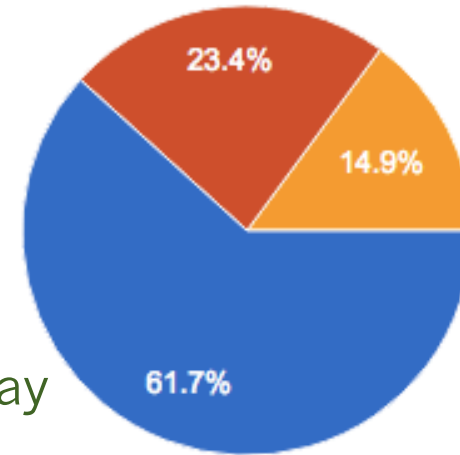
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3. Are you willing to support the funding of an industry-representative organization?

(47 responses)



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Explanations for Yes:

- An industry-led org. to inform managers is crucial
- No one but the industry should be expected to pay for it
- Willing to pay fair share for necessary organization

Explanations for Maybe:

- Depends on the funding source, make-up, operations, etc. of the organization
- If it is held accountable

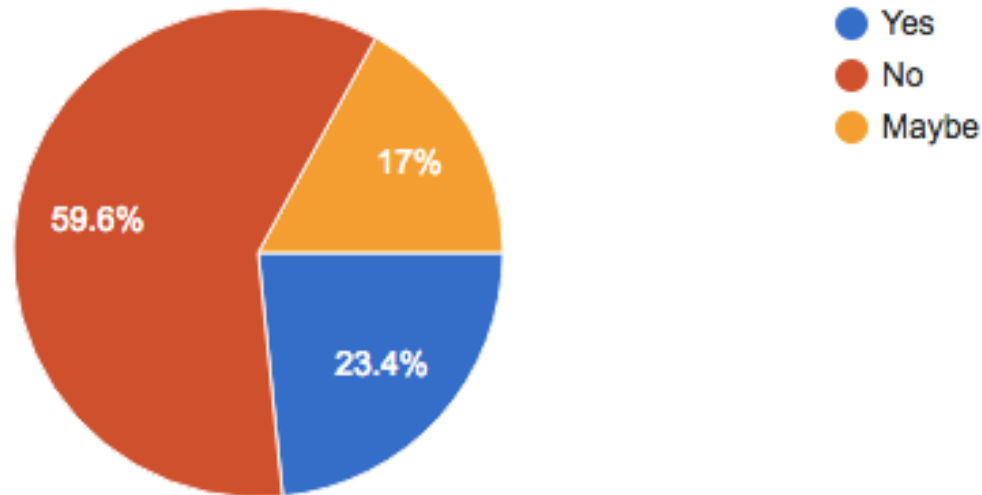
Explanations for No:

- Industry doesn't have the \$
 - Only trap tag funds should be used
- No value-added for an organization
- Do see value in an organization- Do not feel like it will benefit the industry

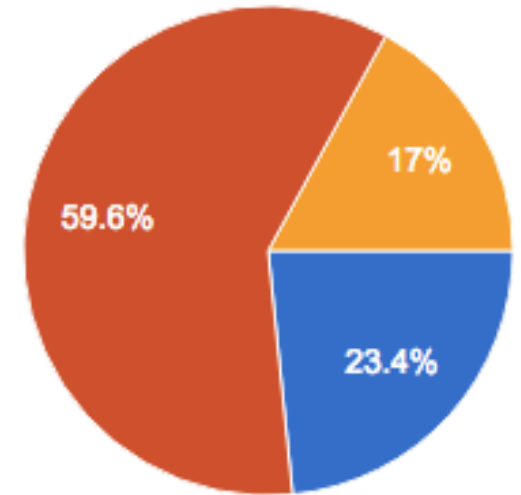
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4a. Do you generally support an industry-representative organization that relies on VOLUNTARY fees/payment by industry?

(47 responses)



Survey Results- Voluntary



Explanations for Yes:

- No new fees should be levied on fishermen
- People generally want to support their community

Explanations for Maybe:

- If trap tag \$ pays for it
- Concerns not everyone will participate

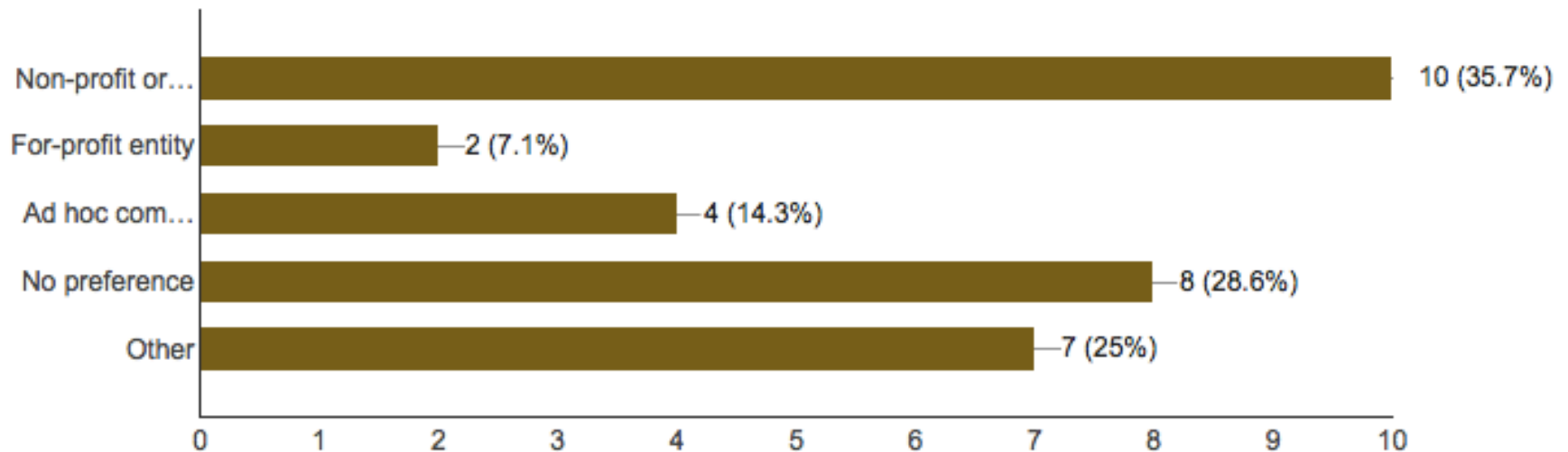
Explanations for No:

- The organization will benefit all, but some will get a “free ride,” while few carry the burden
 - Unfair
- Not reliable funding source
 - Concerns about lack of participation

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4b. How should an organization that relies on VOLUNTARY fees/payment be structured? (Check all that apply)

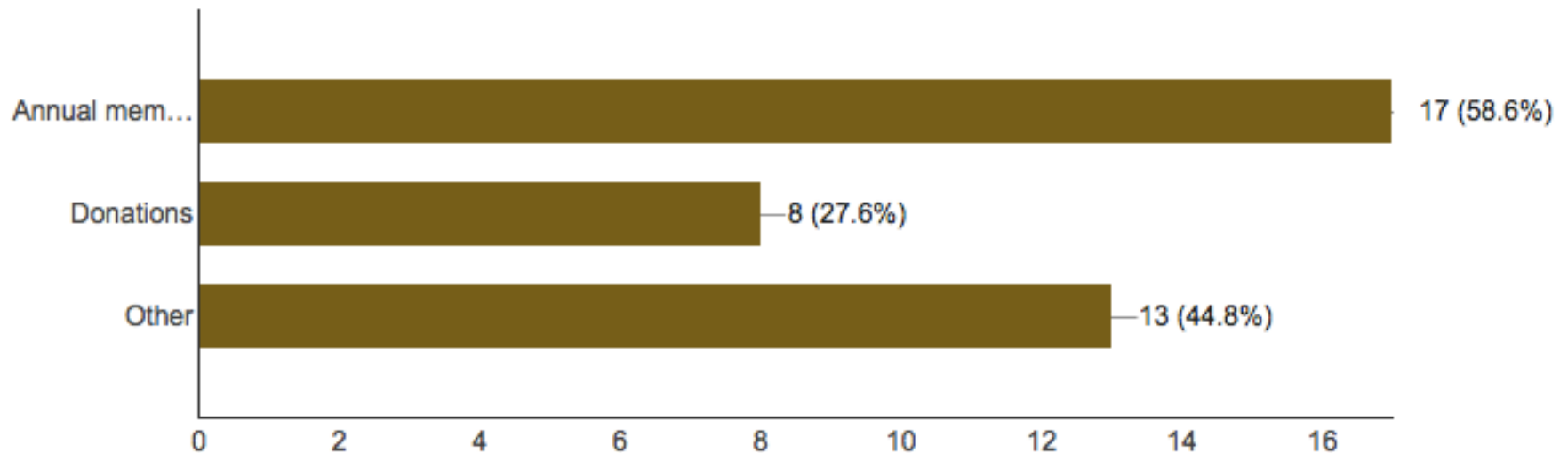
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4c. How should an organization that relies on VOLUNTARY fees/payment collect payment for operations? (Check all that apply)

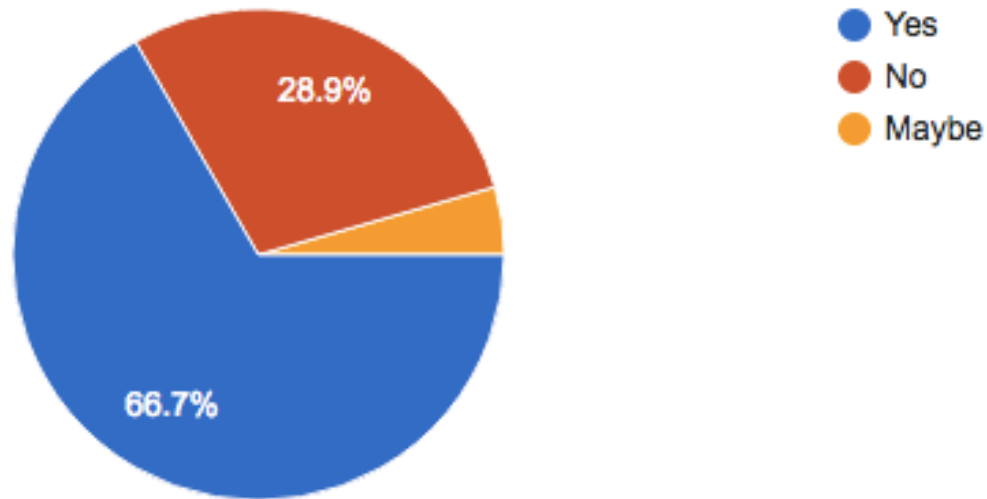
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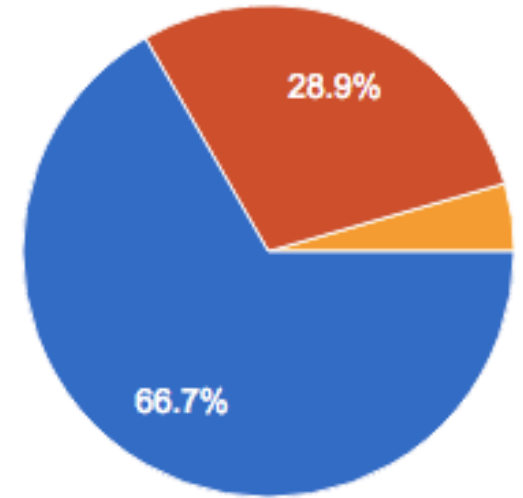
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5a. Do you generally support an industry-representative organization **MANDATORY** fees/payment by the industry?

(45 responses)



Survey Results- Mandatory



Explanations for Yes:

- Everyone would contribute
- Only reliable funding source
- If funds from Dungeness crab account are used

Explanations for Maybe:

- Support for fees based on landings

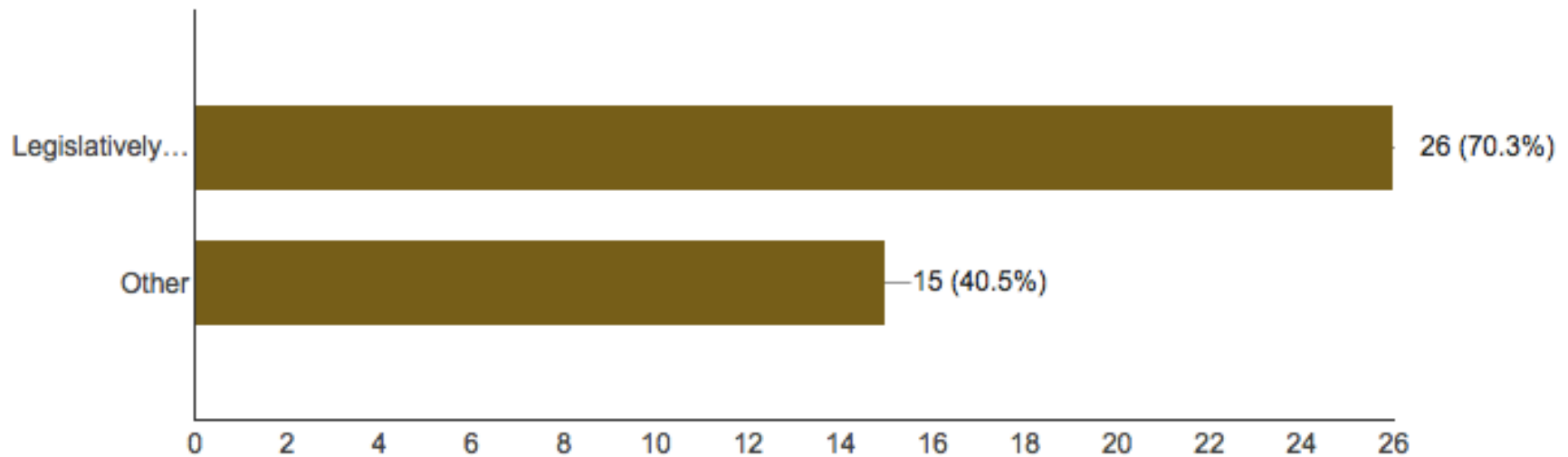
Explanations for No:

- Do not support adding new fees/expense
- Should come from state funds

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5b. How should an organization that relies on MANDATORY fees/payment be structured?

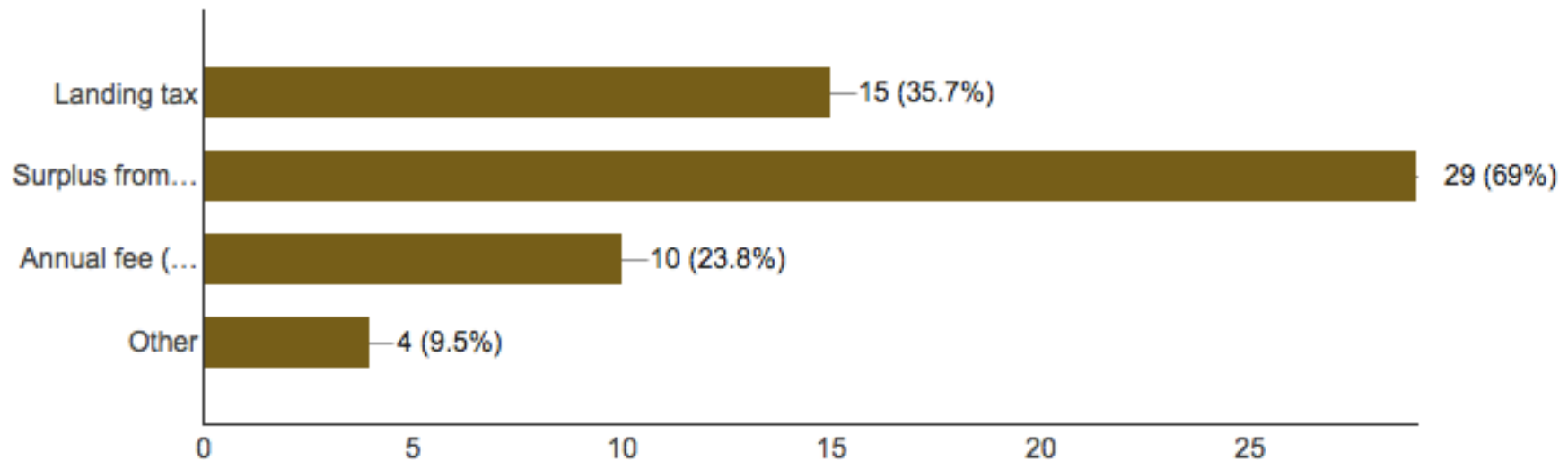
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5c. How should an organization that relies on MANDATORY fees/payments collect payment for operations? (Check all that apply)

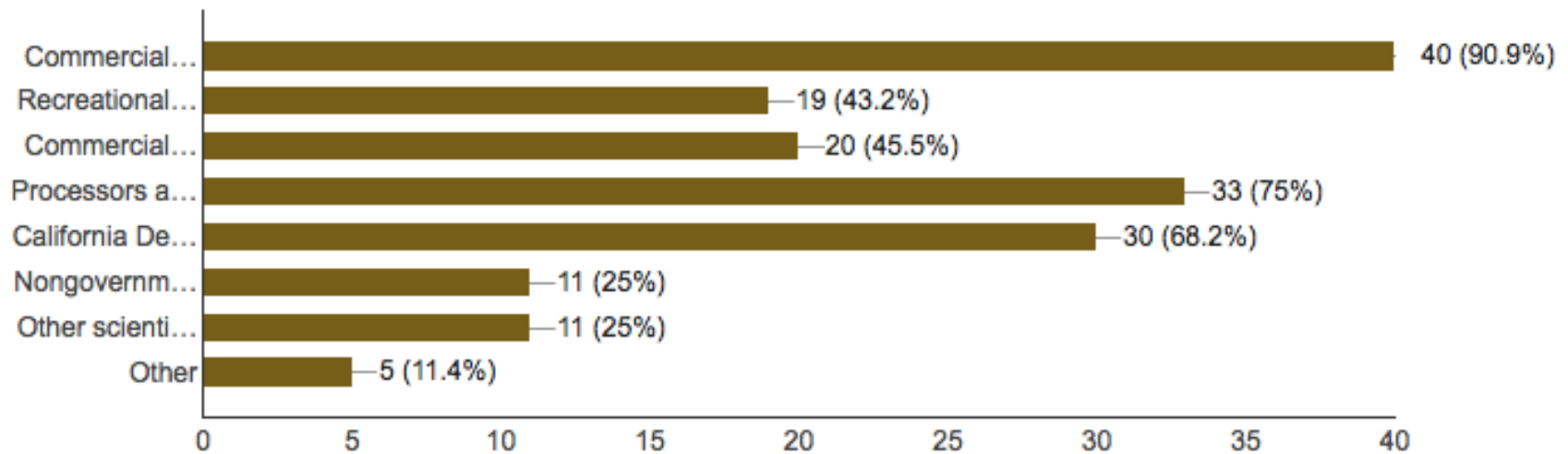
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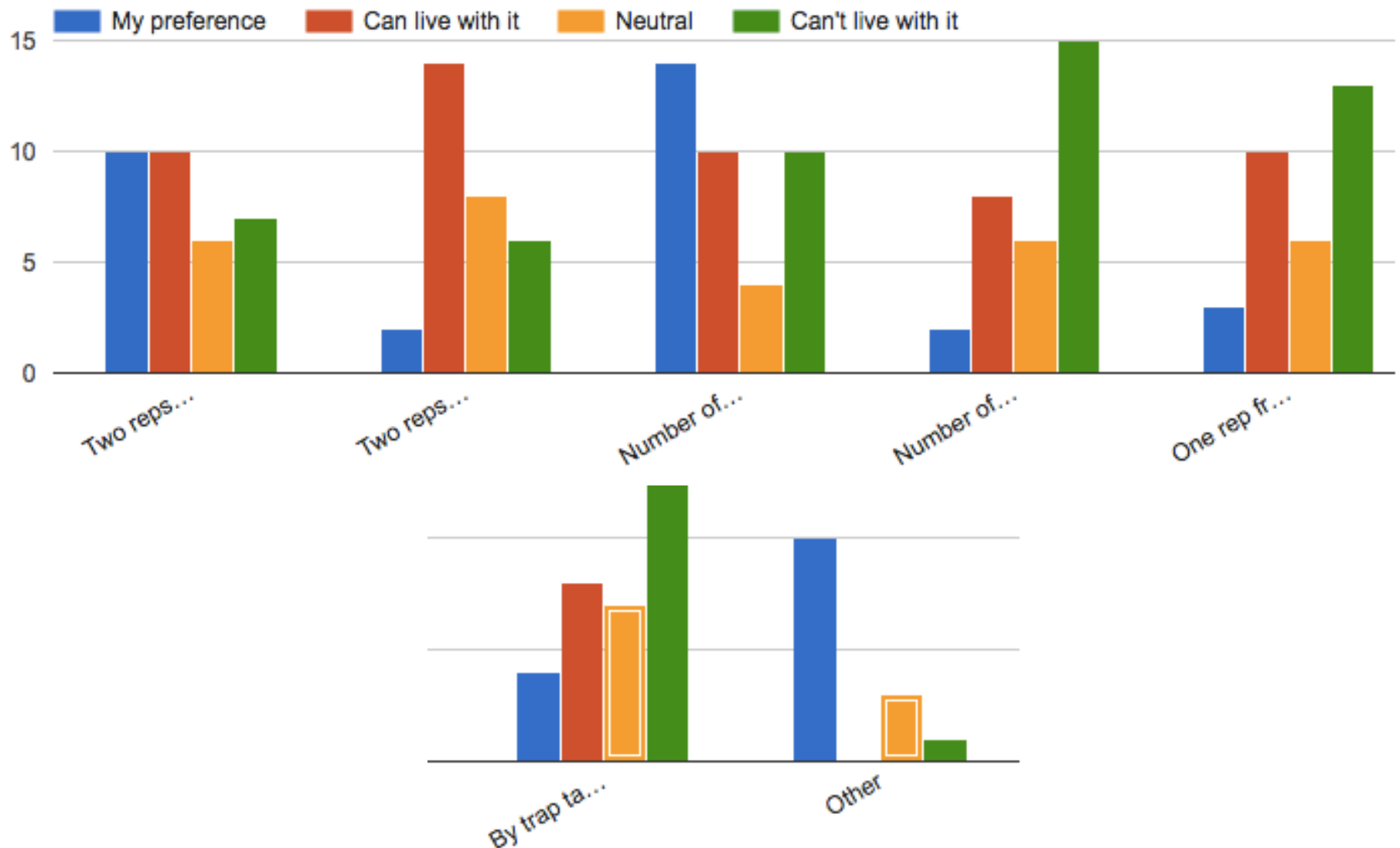
6. What user groups/interests should have representatives on this organization? (Check all that apply)

(44 responses)



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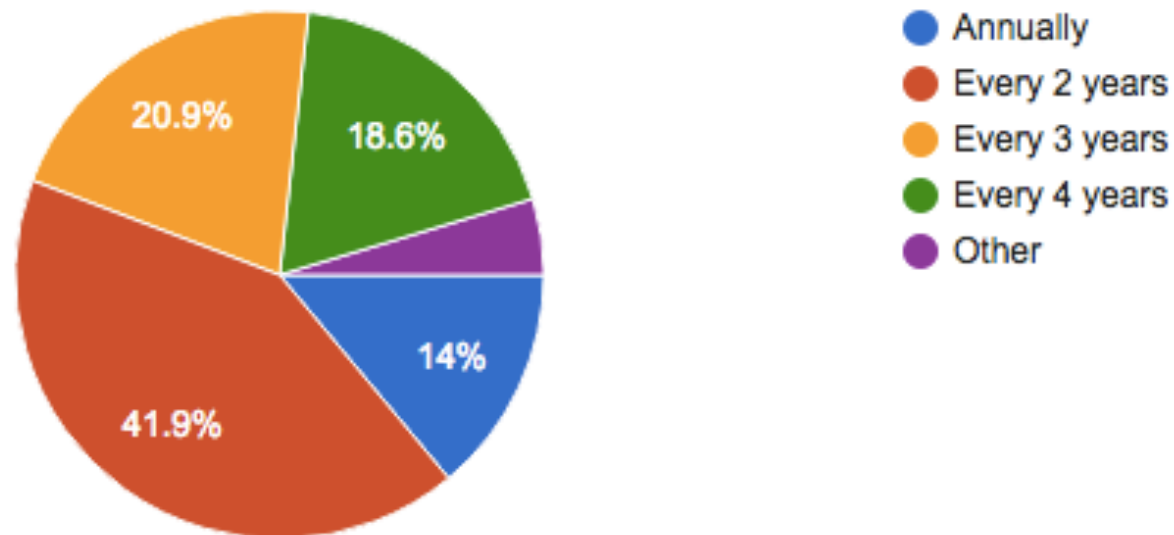
7. When considering commercial representation on an industry-representative organization, how should seats be allocated? Rank in order of preference.



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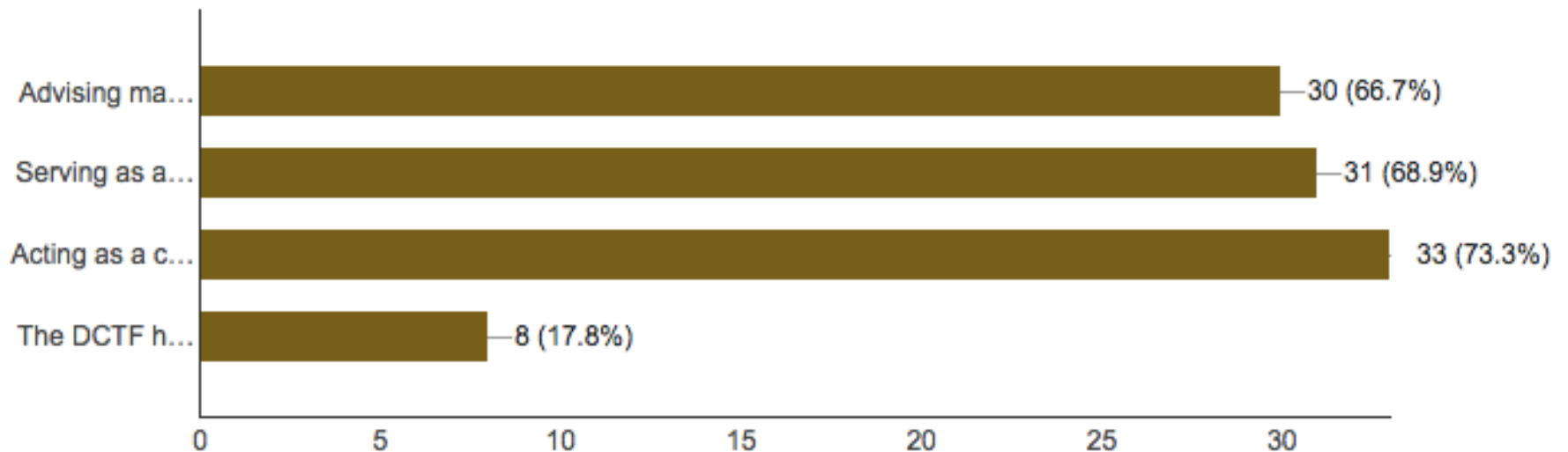
8. How often should elections be held for the commercial fishery representatives? (select one)

(43 responses)



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9. In your opinion, has the DCTF been a useful body for: (Check all that apply)
(45 responses)



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10. What priority topics would you like to see the Dungeness crab industry address over the coming years? (Check all that apply)

(43 responses)

