



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Dungeness Crab Task Force (DCTF) April 2021

Ocean Protection Council (OPC) is seeking nominations for the following non-commercial fishing representatives on the Dungeness Crab Task Force (DCTF):

- **Two voting (2) members representing crab processing interests**
- **One nonvoting (1) member representing nongovernmental organization interests**

Nomination & Selection Process:

If you are interested in representing crab processing or nongovernmental organization interests on the DCTF, please complete this [brief two-page nomination form](#) by June 1, 2021 at 5pm and email your completed form to Noah Ben-Aderet, noah.ben-aderet@resources.ca.gov. After OPC staff have reviewed nominees, they will recommend representatives for appointment to the Chair of the Ocean Protection Council, Secretary of Natural Resources, Wade Crowfoot.

Recommendations will be based on experience and knowledge of the Dungeness crab fishery, experience with the DCTF, geographical balance, willingness and ability to effectively and respectfully collaborate among diverse perspectives, willingness and ability to represent others within their representative seat, and ability to consistently participate in DCTF meetings. OPC staff may contact nominees for brief interviews if needed. CDFW Law Enforcement Division will also contact nominees and determine if they are in good standing to represent the DCTF. Representatives are anticipated to be notified as soon as possible after June 1 and in advance of the next DCTF meeting planned for mid-October.

Background, Charge & Composition of the DCTF:

The DCTF is a legislatively-mandated advisory body that reviews and evaluates Dungeness crab fishery management measures and provides recommendations to the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (JCFA), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and the Fish and Game Commission (FGC). In addition to the members being solicited in this announcement, the composition of the DCTF, as described in [Fish and Game Code Section 8276.4](#), includes 17 commercial Dungeness crab fishermen. There is also one non-voting representative from California Sea Grant and two non-voting representatives from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

The 17 commercial fishing representatives on the DCTF are elected by their peers from the same respective port complex and production level. The last port elections occurred in 2020 with the following port complexes participating: Half

Moon Bay, Bodega Bay, and Eureka. The upcoming election in 2022 will include the following port complexes: Crescent City, Trinidad, Fort Bragg, San Francisco and south of Half Moon Bay. Please see the [DCTF website](#) for the [current member list](#) and additional information.

DCTF Non-Commercial Fishing Representatives:

Section 8276.4 of the Fish and Game Code states that seven members are appointed to the DCTF by the Chair of the Ocean Protection Council following a public solicitation for nominations. These seven members represent sport fishing, crab processing, commercial passenger fishing vessel, nongovernmental organization interests, and are as follows:

- One voting (1) and one nonvoting (1) member representing sport fishing interests.
- Two voting (2) members representing crab processing interests.
- One voting (1) member representing commercial passenger fishing vessel interests.
- Two nonvoting (2) members representing nongovernmental organization interests.

Meeting Schedule and Commitment:

The DCTF is anticipated to meet in-person at least once per year for a two-day meeting; the first meeting of 2021 occurred March 17-18. The DCTF Executive Committee, a subcommittee of the DCTF, convenes via conference call one to five times per year. These conference calls and all DCTF meetings are held in compliance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Additionally, all DCTF Members are also required to adhere to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Contact:

Additional information regarding the DCTF is available on the [DCTF website](#). For any questions on the public solicitation process for non-commercial fishing representatives, please contact Noah Ben-Aderet (Ocean Protection Council, Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Program Manager), noah.ben-aderet@resources.ca.gov.