

Summary of Results- California Lost Fishing Gear Recovery Project

Crescent City: John Beardon retrieved about 300 pots in 7 days of effort. John has sold/returned ~240 of the pots to the rightful owners. Gear sales and disposal = ~20hours

Trinidad and Eureka: No pots collected due to clean water.

Bodega Bay: Richard Ogg retrieved 18 pots and 27 ropes and buoys in 1 day of effort.

San Francisco: Andy Guiliano and Bob Maharry retrieved 182 pots in 4 days of effort. Andy has sold/returned/disposed of all 182 pots to the rightful owners. Gear sales and disposal = ~20 hours

Cost Estimate for State-Wide Program

- **Estimate based on 8 ports:** Crescent City, Eureka, Fort Bragg, Bodega Bay, San Francisco, Half Moon Bay, Monterey, Morro Bay
- **Secure Storage facility (gate/shipping container):** \$5,000 X 8 = \$40,000 (one-time cost)
- **Storage Space:** \$100/month X 12 X 8 = \$9,600/year
- **Hours to manage port inventory and gear return/disposal:** 20 hours X 8 = 160 hours/year for the all 8 ports combined. Contract with a fisherman at each port at \$20/hour = \$3,200 for all 8 ports combined
- **Website management:** \$2,000/year to build and maintain a website inventory allowing crab fishermen to locate recovered pots belonging to them and to access specific times and locations to purchase their gear back.
- **Program Manager:** (Hires and supervises 8 independent contractors; oversees program) 0.50% time is generous.

***Number of recovered pots will likely decrease once this program is in place. If fishermen know they will be required to pay ~\$100/trap recovered, wet storage will become less common.**