

CALIFORNIA DUNGENESS CRAB: CONSIDERATIONS FOR TRI-STATE

**Tri-State Meeting to be held
In July 2018**



TRI-STATE CONSIDERATIONS: QUALITY TESTING PROTOCOL

Testing Rounds, Timing and Delays:

- Should fishery be allowed to delay beyond Jan 15 and how would that be implemented (i.e. 15 additional days, not beyond some other drop-dead date)?

Crab Processing:

- Do we want to ensure consistency across three states by including specificity to processing guides (e.g., time from cooking to picking)?

Meat Recovery Criteria:

- Should we establish one standard for meat recovery for all three states?

Establishing Fishing Zones:

- Should Tri-State add lines with separate opening dates based on results of testing (i.e. up to two lines dividing area in to three distinct fishing zones)?
- Should CA consider a line be drawn in northern CA for quality?

TRI-STATE CONSIDERATIONS: QUALITY TESTING IN CA

- Should testing rounds stated in CA statute and Tri-State protocol be aligned?
- Do we need any other testing in other ports south of Eureka in Northern management area?
- Do we want to require quality testing in ports south of the Sonoma/Mendocino County? (Requires more in-depth discussion).

TRI-STATE QUALITY TESTING PROTOCOL: CURRENT TESTING LOCATIONS

Northern Mgmt Area Ports	Collection Site
Crescent City	Klamath River
	George Reef
Trinidad	Lagoons
	Trinidad Head
Eureka	LP Eureka (Samoa)
	Eel River
<i>Ft. Bragg (no longer sample after 2014)</i>	<i>Usal</i>
	<i>Manchester</i>

Central Mgmt Area Ports (Optional)	Collection Site
<i>Bodega Bay (was only sampled at Pt Reyes in 2017)</i>	<i>Russian River</i>
	<i>Pt Reyes</i>
<i>Half Moon Bay/SF (not always sampled)</i>	<i>Duxbury</i>
	<i>Pillar Pt/Half Moon Bay</i>

TRI-STATE ISSUES: DOMOIC ACID SAMPLING

- Domoic sampling begins late-September (18 test areas)
- Aligning quality testing and domoic sampling
 - 2015-16: no quality tests were conducted, domoic acid delay took precedent, season delayed beyond Jan 15 statewide
 - 2016-17: quality tests passed 1st round, while domoic acid issues delays occurred north of Point Reyes, Point Arena and Fort Bragg areas
 - 2017-18: Quality delay until Jan 15, and quality tests had to avoid Eel River at Eureka for 1st round, and George Reef at Crescent City for all 3 rounds of testing due to domoic acid health advisories (no domoic acid delays)

TRI-STATE CONSIDERATIONS: DOMOIC ACID SAMPLING

- **Should the Tri-State Agreement include a commitment for the three states to have consistent marine biotoxin plan (e.g. domoic acid sampling) in addition to preseason crab quality testing?**
- How to modify test at the port when a location is under a domoic acid health advisory or continue to conduct quality testing in areas under a domoic acid health advisory?
- Should California consider allowing evisceration orders in the event that domoic acid continues to delay port openers? *This would involve further discussions with CDPH.*

DOMOIC ACID SAMPLING – CURRENT SAMPLING LOCATIONS

Port	Number of Samples (3 - ≤30 fathoms 3 - >30 fathoms)	Collection Site
Crescent City	6	Klamath River
	6	George Reef
Trinidad	6	Lagoons
	6	Trinidad Head
Eureka	6	LP Eureka (Samoa)
	6	Eel River
Ft. Bragg	6	Usal
	6	Manchester

Port	Number of Samples (3 - ≤30 fathoms 3 - >30 fathoms)	Collection Site
Bodega Bay	6	Salt Point
	6	Russian River
	6	Bodega Head
	6	Pt Reyes
Half Moon Bay/SF	6	Duxbury
	6	Pillar Pt/Half Moon Bay
	6	Farallones
	6	Pigeon Point
	6	Monterey
Monterey	6	Monterey
Morro Bay	6	Avila Beach

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- *Complete adherence to Tri-State pre-season testing protocols in their entirety, including the same testing protocols, season opening decisions, starting dates, delays and single fair start provision detailed within the protocol.*
- *Modification of California statutes to allow a line (or possibly lines) to be drawn within the state of CA to allow for fishing zones due to differences in meat recovery criteria.*
- *Recognition that the Tri-State Committee would need to further review, discuss and agree to all modifications of the testing protocol before final approval due to the complexity of incorporating such a large area into the protocol.*