



~California Dungeness Crab Task Force~

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MEMORANDUM

TO: California Dungeness Crab Task Force Members and Alternates

FROM: DCTF Support Team

DATE: February 9, 2010

SUBJECT: Data requested by DCTF: Latent Permits

At the DCTF meeting on October 21-22, 2009, the DCTF requested data pertaining to latent permits. Shortly after the meeting, Ocean Protection Council (OPC) staff put in a formal request to the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to obtain that information. While part of the information request is still pending, there is information available regarding the number of latent permits in the California Dungeness fishery.

Using the definition of latent permits, as defined by the DCTF in their January 15, 2010 report to the legislature, DFG, and the Fish and Game Commission¹, **141 latent permits fell under the criteria for latency** as outlined in SB1690 (where 38 permits had less than 5,000lbs of landing and 103 were inactive with zero landings) and **447 permits were not latent** (i.e. actively fishing in the California Dungeness crab fishery). This calculation takes into account three criteria: 1) a control date (November 2003- July 2008); 2) a cumulative landing requirement of 5,000lbs during the control date; 3) a transfer of landings history with a permit transfer.

This information was further broken down by resident versus nonresident²:

Resident Permits

76 permits with zero activity

37 latent permits (landings are between 0 and 5000lbs)

390 active permits (landings with greater than or equal to 5000lbs)

¹ “Eligibility to take crab in California waters and offshore for commercial purposes may be subject to restrictions, including, but not limited to, restrictions on the number of traps utilized by that person, if either of the following occurs:

(1) A person holds a Dungeness crab permit with landings of less than 5,000 pounds between November 15, 2003, and July 15, 2008, inclusive.

(2) A person has purchased a Dungeness crab permit on or after July 15, 2008, from a permit holder who landed less than 5,000 pounds between November 15, 2003, and July 15, 2008, inclusive.”

² California nonresident permit holders are defined as those individuals paying for a nonresident permit regardless of where their boat is berthed.

Nonresident Permits

27 permits with zero activity

1 latent permit (landings are between 0 and 5000lbs)

57 active permits (landings with greater than or equal to 5000lbs)

The DCTF project team hopes DCTF Members will find this information useful in their meetings with their constituents and as they consider management options to be discussed and voted on at the next DCTF meeting in Ukiah on February 17 and 18, 2010. More data will be presented to the DCTF as it becomes available.