

March 12, 2012  
DCTF Meeting

Please forward this email to the DCTF for discussion:

The cost of the trap tag program is too high. While the 2.50 per trap tag was agreed to the 1000.00 dollar per biennium pot limit fee was not and should not have been included in the bill. It poses an extreme economic hardship situation for the smaller operators on poor seasons as well as anyone that can't or chooses periodically not to participate in the Dungeness Crab fishery for any number of reasons, including health, financial etc. Excluding the 1000.00 dollar fee would make the bill much more equitable across the entire fleet. Another alternative would be to incrementally increase the cost per tag. For example the first 200 traps would be \$2.50, the next 100 would be \$3.00 etc.

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