

Proposal by a DCTF Crescent City High Tier Representative to the California Dungeness Crab Task Force for consideration at the April 22-23, 2014 DCTF meeting in Ukiah, CA

The narrative below is a management option for the commercial California Dungeness crab fishery to be considered by the Dungeness Crab Task Force (DCTF). This concept was prepared by fishermen and is expected to be discussed at the April 22 and 23 DCTF meeting in Ukiah.

CONCEPT FOR DCTF CONSIDERATION:

The port of Crescent City would like to propose a change to the opening of dungeness crab season in districts 8 and 9 to January 1st. In addition, we would like to suggest eliminating preseason quality testing, or at least limit pre-season quality testing to one test before the January 1st opener. If it is decided that one test is needed, the test would be conducted as follows:

On or around December 27th, a test is conducted. If the crabs test out to 25%, the season will open Jan 1st. If crabs test out at less than 25%, the director will delay the season until January 15th.

If vessels choose to fish in District 10 before the January 1 opener in northern waters, those vessels must have all of their crabs delivered by November 30th, or be subject to a 30 day delay. Hold inspections would most likely need to be implemented.