

California Dungeness Crab Task Force

Purpose

The California Dungeness Crab Task Force (DCTF) was created by the Legislature in 2009 to **make recommendations** to fishery managers on how to manage the California Dungeness crab fishery.



Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (Legislature)
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Fish and Game Commission



Representation

Voting Members			Non-Voting Members		
17		Commercial fishing	1		Recreational fishing
1		Recreational fishing	2		Non-governmental organization
1		Commercial passenger fishing vessel	1		California Sea Grant
2		Crab processing	2		California Department of Fish & Wildlife

How are representatives selected?



Commercial fishing interests are California commercial Dungeness crab permit holders across all major Dungeness crab port complexes and production levels, who are elected by their peers every three years.



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and California Sea Grant each appoint their own representative(s).



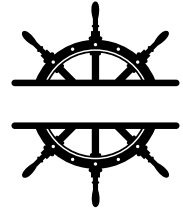
All other members are appointed by the California Ocean Protection Council after a public solicitation for nominations.

Decision Making



The DCTF meets at least once per year. By law, **recommendations can only be made during DCTF meetings** following a formal vote, not via email, informal gatherings, or other means. The DCTF's subcommittee (i.e., the Executive Committee) can not make decision's on behalf of the DCTF, but can discuss and move topics to the full DCTF.

Representatives are asked to serve the best interest of the entire Dungeness crab industry while mitigating negative impacts to their respective interests.



Working to reach consensus.

If consensus cannot be reached, a vote of 2/3 (14 members) is required to pass a recommendation.

Procedures & Operations

The DCTF's procedures & operations are guided by a charter that has been voted on by the DCTF: <https://bit.ly/DCTFCharter>



Community and Public Involvement



All DCTF meetings are open to the public. Agendas are published at least 10 days before a DCTF meeting. The public is invited to comment at designated periods during the meeting. Meetings are subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act.



Verbal Public Comments

May be made during the meeting.



Written Public Comments

May be submitted 24 hours prior to a meeting via email or regular mail.



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Requesting Agenda Items

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