



March 3, 2025

Dear California Dungeness Crab Commercial Permit Holder,

This letter is to request your nominations for representatives to the California Dungeness Crab Task Force (DCTF). Your participation in this process is extremely important to the future of the California Dungeness crab fishery. The representative(s) elected from your home port will communicate your views on the fishery's management and develop recommendations for the California Legislature, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and California Fish and Game Commission (FGC). **Please email, mail, or complete the enclosed Nomination Form online by April 11, 2025 (details below).**

Fish and Game Code Section 8276.4 requires elections be held to ensure that the Dungeness crab fishery is adequately and appropriately represented in the management of the fishery. DCTF commercial fishing elections are being administered by the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) in coordination with CDFW. Commercial fishermen will be elected to the DCTF by their peers to represent their home port complexes. For more information about the composition of the DCTF, please see the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions document.

DCTF Election Process and Timelines

DCTF elections shall be held every three years in each port, on a staggered basis across ports. For 2025, the ports of Crescent City, Trinidad, Fort Bragg, San Francisco, and South of Half Moon Bay will be up for re-election. Elections will be carried out with two separate mailings:

1. Mailing #1: Nomination Form - All valid California Dungeness crab permit holders will receive a form to nominate individuals, including themselves, for the DCTF. See enclosed Nomination Form for additional details and instructions.

2. Mailing #2: Ballot - Ballots will be compiled from the list of nominees for the ports up for re-election in 2025 and all registered permitholders in these ports will receive a ballot. Votes tallied from these ballots will determine the members who serve on the DCTF.

Results of the 2025 DCTF elections will be posted on OPC's website and shared via the DCTF email listserv. Please see the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions document and Production Table document for more details.

Your involvement in the election process is extremely important to the future of the California Dungeness crab fishery. To guarantee your participation in the voting process, please email or mail the enclosed Nomination Form no later than **April 11, 2025**. If you have any questions about the DCTF or election process, please contact:

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Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kaitlyn Kalua". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kaitlyn Kalua

Deputy Director, Ocean Protection Council