

Dungeness Crab Task Force Members

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Commercial Fishing Representatives

Port Complex	Production Level	Commercial Fishing Representative
Non-resident	Not Specified*	Brian Nolte
Crescent City	Lower Production Level	Vito Pomelia
Crescent City	Upper Production Level	Ben Platt
Crescent City	Not Specified*	Randy Smith
Trinidad	Not Specified*	Zach Rotwein
Eureka	Lower Production Level	Harrison Ibach
Eureka	Upper Production Level	Mike Cunningham
Fort Bragg	Lower Production Level	Andrew “Boomer” Schlafer
Fort Bragg	Upper Production Level	Tom Estes Jr
Bodega Bay	Lower Production Level	Tony Anello
Bodega Bay	Upper Production Level	Dick Ogg
San Francisco	Lower Production Level	Shawn “Chenzo” Flading
San Francisco	Upper Production Level	Sean Hodges
Half Moon Bay	Lower Production Level	Jerry Pemberton
Half Moon Bay	Upper Production Level	Geoff Bettencourt
South of Half Moon Bay	Lower Production Level	Tim Obert
South of Half Moon Bay	Upper Production Level	Richard Axelson

*Not-specified production level seats represent both the lower and upper production levels.

Appointed Representatives

Interest Group	Name
Crab Processing (voting)	Joe Cincotta, Pacific Choice Seafood
Crab Processing (voting)	Kenny Belov, TwoxSea
Sport Fishing (voting)	Ross Taylor, Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers
Sport Fishing (non-voting)	Dave Kasheta, Coastside Fishing Club
Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel (voting)	Rick Powers, Golden Gate Fishermen’s Association
Nongovernmental Organization (non-voting)	Kate Kauer, The Nature Conservancy
Nongovernmental Organization (non-voting)	Melissa Mahoney, Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust

Interest Group	Name
California Sea Grant (non-voting)	Shauna Oh
California Department of Fish & Wildlife (non-voting)	Christy Juhasz
California Department of Fish & Wildlife (non-voting)	Asst. Chief Eric Kord