

Results of the 2020 Survey of Washington Coastal Dungeness Crab License Holders and Operators

Survey Questions	Responses by Category (% that answered yes)								
	All Survey Respondents	All License Owners	Owners Only (not operators)	Owner / Operators	Non-Owners	All who indicated they start South of Klipsan	All who indicated they start North of Klipsan	All who indicated they primarily fish South of Pt. Chehalis	All who indicated they primarily fish North of Pt. Chehalis
To maintain the integrity of the current fleet and prevent license consolidation, do you support a limit on the number of licenses one individual or company could own going forward? For example, this would not change current license ownership but considers a cap on future ownership.	78%	75%	67%	82%	86%	68%	85%	73%	90%
In general, do you support the use of temporary reduced pot limits if the state fishery could open earlier?	52%	44%	52%	42%	69%	49%	53%	44%	61%
Would you support a temporary 20% pot limit reduction if it potentially shortens the head start by one week?	42%	38%	43%	36%	48%	38%	41%	38%	49%
Would you support a temporary 40% pot limit if it potentially shortens the head start by more than two weeks?	35%	32%	43%	30%	38%	36%	36%	32%	36%
In rare circumstances, when crab is in good condition (meat recovery and no domoic acid) in Washington but, the majority of the west coast, including Oregon and California, remain closed, would you support opening the area between Point Chehalis and Klipsan Beach only? When answering this question please consider that any opening in this area would not only be subject to Tri-State Fair Start Provisions, but also significantly reduced pots limits and other fair start rules when the area north of Point Chehalis opens.	38%	37%	45%	33%	40%	38%	39%	38%	43%
In some years, if circumstances warranted it (meat recovery is sufficient and no domoic acid) would you support opening the area south of Point Chehalis in line with the Tri-State opening criteria? When answering this question, please consider that opening this area would not only be subject to Tri-State Fair Start Provisions, but it would also necessitate significantly reduced pot limits and other fair start rules when the area north of Point Chehalis opens.	49%	49%	57%	45%	52%	56%	42%	49%	42%
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Do you support expanding the temporary pot limit in the area south of Klipsan Beach, starting with a lower pot limit than is in place now and gradually increasing the number of pots allowed over a longer period of time?	37%	35%	45%	33%	39%	46%	31%	38%	32%
Alternatively, do you support a gradual series of pot limit reductions that would start once the area north of Klipsan Beach opens? This would progressively reduce effort from the start of the season until May 1, bringing pot limits into alignment with the new summer pot limits.	25%	28%	0%	38%	23%	40%	18%	23%	25%
To reduce effort in the fishery in general, do you support a permanent west coast-wide (WA, OR and CA) pot limit?	41%	46%	59%	43%	27%	49%	37%	42%	41%
Do you support a temporary west coast-wide (WA, OR, and CA) pot limit from May 1 through the end of the season?	58%	55%	71%	48%	69%	69%	52%	62%	53%
Do you support potentially reducing the permanent pot limits assigned to Washington licenses from 500 and 300 to something lower?	32%	29%	40%	26%	38%	31%	32%	33%	34%
If yes, would you support:									
A 10% reduction?	27%	19%	20%	19%	39%	22%	31%	26%	39%
A 20% reduction?	40%	39%	43%	37%	41%	26%	44%	44%	43%
A 50% reduction?	15%	19%	9%	35%	7%	12%	15%	14%	25%
Do you support a buyback program?	86%	87%	76%	86%	84%	86%	87%	85%	90%
Would you support a buyback program that requires industry funding or partial industry funding?	72%	73%	77%	71%	68%	71%	73%	71%	70%
To address gear crowding and fishery overcapitalization, do you support pot stacking (where one license holder could buy a second license – but only use a portion of the pots assigned to the second license)?	59%	63%	55%	67%	48%	66%	57%	59%	65%
In 2010, WDFW worked with the coastal Dungeness crab industry to revise RCW 77.70.350 to allow vessel designation changes once per year (September 15 to September 15). Do you support a legislative change that would extend the period for vessel designations to once every two years (September 15 to September 15)? Any changes would maintain the current exemption for vessels that are lost or in disrepair.	47%	41%	41%	44%	62%	42%	51%	51%	47%
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