

Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board Meeting

March 5, 2024

3:00 pm



Washington
Department of
**FISH and
WILDLIFE**

Proposed Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
3:00 – 3:05 PM	Introductions and Purpose of the Meeting	Heather Hall
3:05 – 3:30 PM	23/24 Season Update	Matt George
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Questions/Discussion/Next Steps	All
3:45 – 3:55 PM	Fish ticket reporting issues	Heather Hall
3:55 – 4:10 PM	Tri-State Meeting	Heather Hall
4:10 – 4:15 PM	Adjourn	Heather Hall

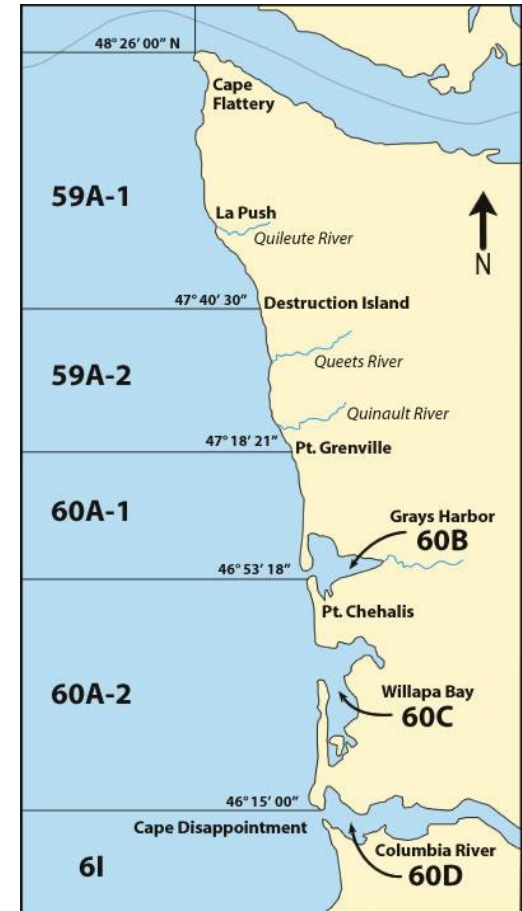


23-24 State Catch Update - All Areas

Catch (lbs) by state fleet within first 28 days of season

Area	22-23 (last season)	23-24 (current)
59A1	173,689	58,380
59A2	135,448	183,929
60A1	1,954,280	1,573,167
60A2*	8,151,584	8,527,334
60B	95,456	80,074
60C	1,232,303	785,891
61	1,718,734	2,202,927
Total	13,461,494	13,411,702

*Includes catch from area 60D



**Commercial Crab Fishing
WDFW Catch Reporting Areas**

Note: The 22-23 season experienced a split opener; catch reporting area totals represent the total landings from vessels that started south of the Klipsan Beach line (46°28.00) from 2/1/23 – 2/28/23 and those that started north from 2/6/23 – 3/5/23. 23-24 season data is from 2/1/24 – 2/28/24.



23-24 State Catch Update

Landings as of 2/28/2024 in tribal sharing areas

Season	Time Period	Area	Area Pounds	Area Landings	Total Pounds	Total Landings
2022-23 (2/6/23 – 3/5/23)	First 28 days	59A2	135,448	7	2,185,184	362
		60A1	1,954,280	281		
		60B	95,456	74		
2023-24 (2/1/24 – 2/28/24)		59A2	183,929	40	1,837,170	493
		60A1	1,573,167	368		
		60B	80,074	85		

Total poundage is 16.0% less than last year;
landings have increased 36%



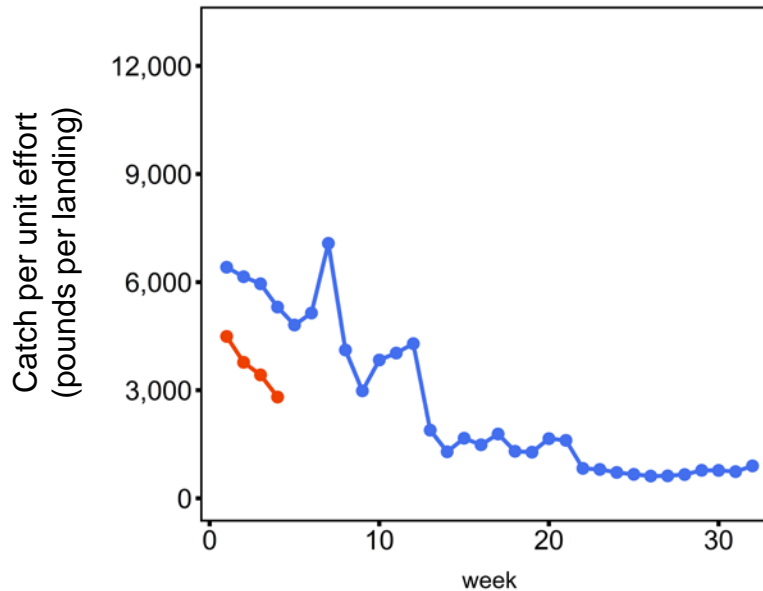
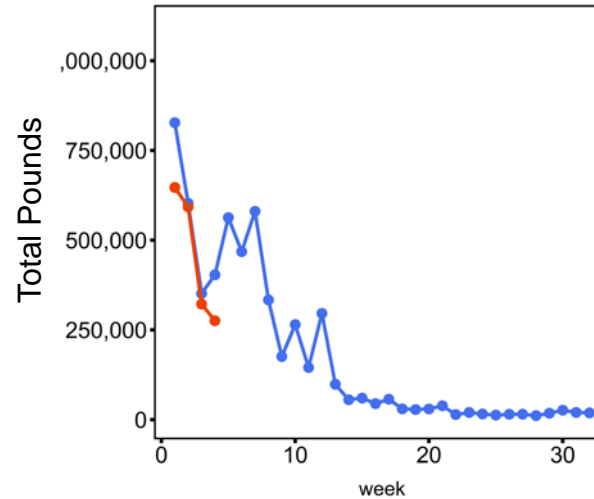
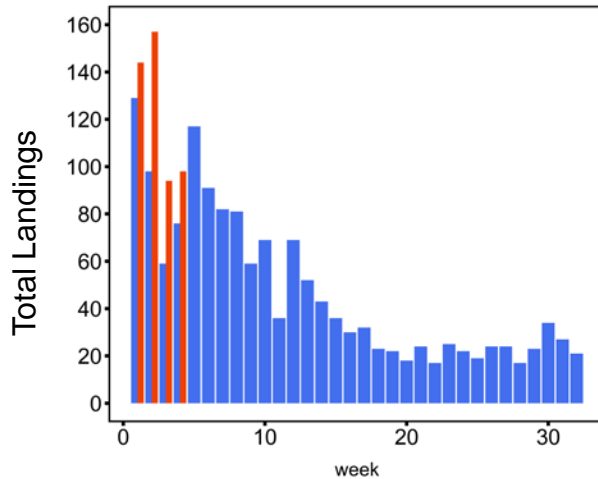
State Effort N/S of Pt. Chehalis

Season	South of Pt. Chehalis	North of Pt. Chehalis
2013/14	143	34
2014/15	153	23
2015/16	149	24
2016/17	152	36
2017/18	140	42
2018/19	141	56
2019/20	140	41
2020/21	136	40
2021/22	144	48
2022/23	142	41
2023/24	148	40
Prior 10y Average	144	39

Number of vessels with the majority of landings either South of North of Pt. Chehalis within the first 30 days of each season



23-24 State Catch Update



- 2022-23
(open North: 2/6/23)
- Current Season
(open: 2/1/23)



23-24 Quinault Catch Update

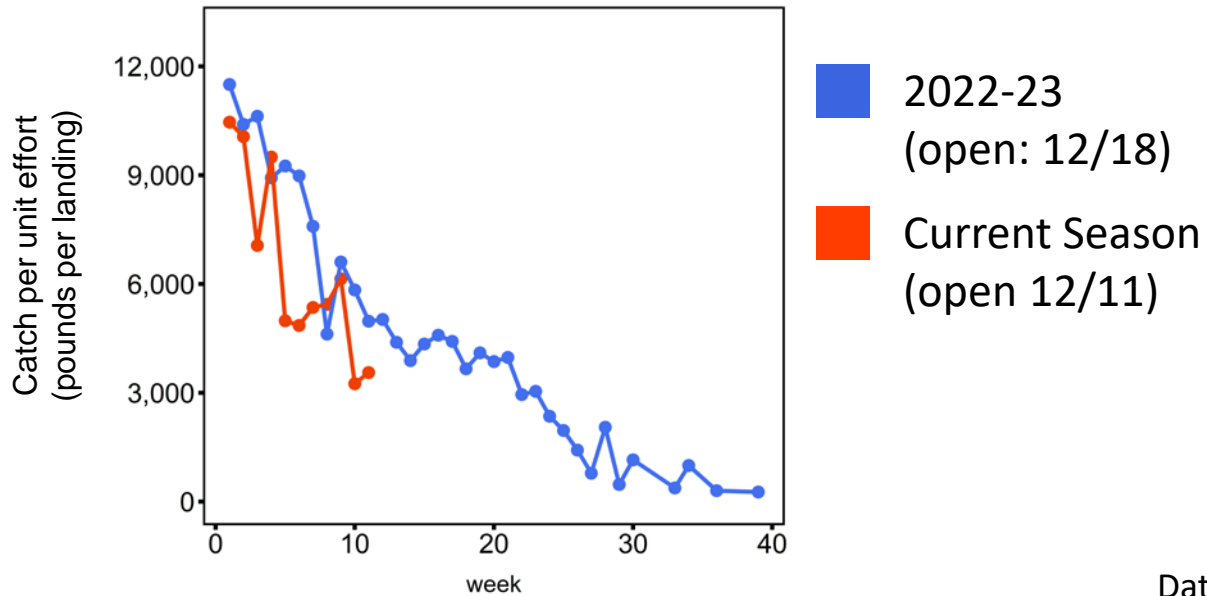
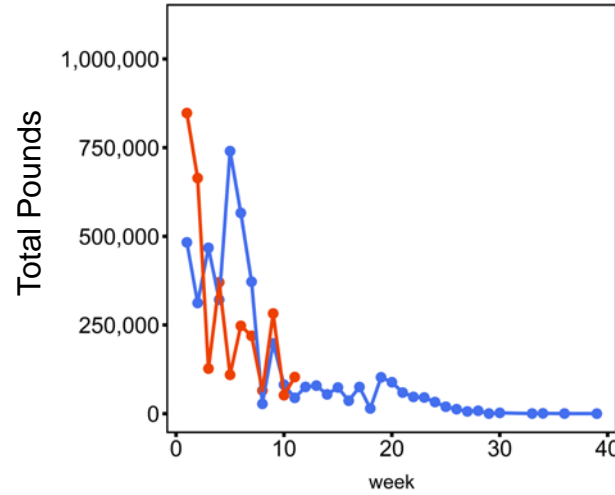
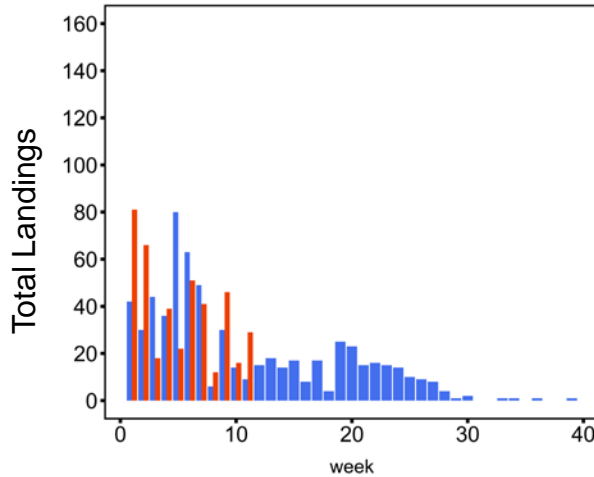
Landings as of 2/28/2024 in tribal sharing areas

Season	Time Period	Area	Area Pounds	Area Landings	Total Pounds	Total Landings
2022-23 (12/18/22 – 3/7/23)	First 80 days	59A2	430,437	19	3,625,744	406
		60A1	3,164,773	364		
		60B	29,534	23		
2023-24 (12/11/23 – 2/28/24)		59A2	197,491	20	3,097,742	424
		60A1	2,875,114	381		
		60B	25,137	23		

Total poundage is 14.6% less than last year

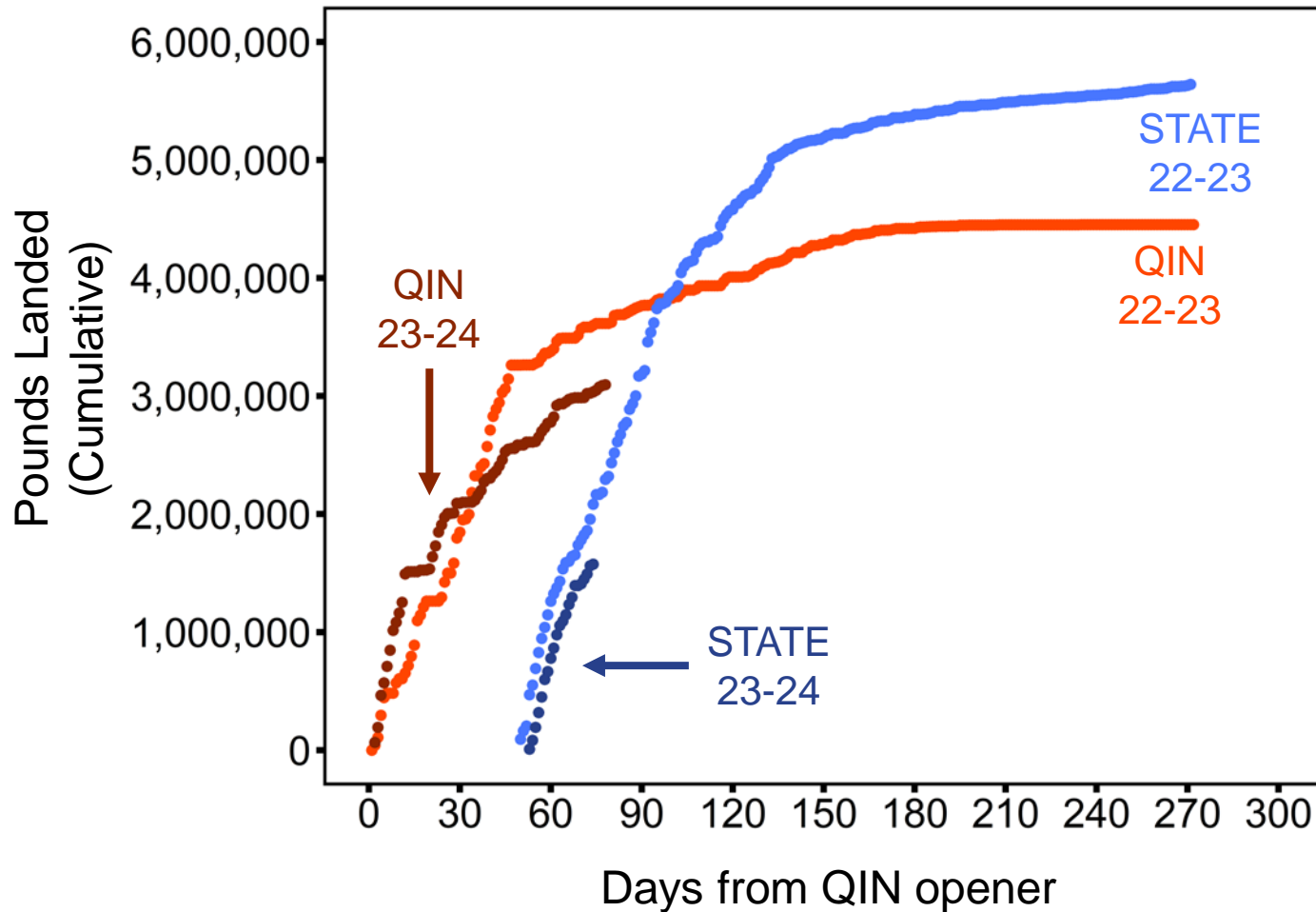


23-24 Quinault Catch Update



Cumulative Catch by Year

QIN & STATE landings as of 2/28/24



Next Steps

1. Current models of state end of season catch have low confidence.
2. WDFW expects to have an accurate prediction of end of season catch by day 44 of the fishery (3/15).
3. Hold for AB meeting 3/15 from 2:00-3:00.
4. Next co-manager meeting scheduled for 3/18.



Fish ticket area reporting

1. Approximately 100 fish ticket corrections within a typical season
2. WDFW is using EM to verify that catch areas reported on fish tickets are correct.
3. There have been >200 fish ticket corrections (from >80 vessels) within the first 30 days of the 23-24 season.
4. Majority of fish ticket corrections are catch not being split between reporting areas correctly (or at all).



Tri-State Meeting

- Planning phase
- Potential topics
- Likely California
- May 15-16
- Pre-meeting April 15-16
- Tri-State advisors, updates?



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION