

**Puget Sound Recreational Crab/Shrimp Advisory Groups
In-Person Meeting / WDFW Office Mill Creek
Monday March 19, 2018
12:00 PM through ~3:00 PM**

AGENDA

Crab Fisheries

1. Introductions
 - a. Advisors and guests
 - b. WDFW shellfish staff and recent changes
2. Update on the Dungeness harvest totals for the 2017-18 fishery
 - a. Final quotas and adjustments made in-season
 - b. Tribal commercial harvests by region, number of days open
 - c. State commercial harvests by region, number of days open
 - d. Summer and winter recreational harvest breakdown.
3. Low harvests and low abundance in South Sound and south Hood Canal
 - a. Review of recent test fishery data from MA 11, MA 13, and south Hood Canal
 - b. Discuss fishery options for low abundance areas
4. Crab Creel Study conducted in MA 2E, July 2017
 - a. Background and description of the work done
 - b. Summary and conclusions made from the data
5. Removals of closed-season crab gear
 - a. Review of last season's effort
 - b. Common issues with recovered traps
 - c. Strategy for gear sweeps in the 2018 season
6. Recreational crabber/shrimper education
 - a. Discussion of strategies for reaching more people
 - b. Options for training crabbers/shrimpers to avoid common mistakes
 - c. Discussion of incentives to promote crabber/shrimper education
7. Update on Crab Endorsement Account
8. Regional Crab Management Plans and Tribal conversations

Shrimp Fisheries

9. Update on the shrimp harvest totals for the 2017-18 fisheries
 - a. Tribal commercial harvests
 - b. State commercial harvests
 - c. Recreational harvests and season length
10. Bonus shrimp limits
 - a. Feedback from last season
 - b. Plans for the upcoming season and why

11. Review of shrimp test fisheries
 - a. Post season 2017
 - b. Pre-season 2018 to date
12. Summary of the Shrimp Technical Meeting (Oct 2017)
13. Regional Shrimp Management Plans and Tribal conversations
14. Likely season structures for 2018 recreational shrimp
 - a. Open dates and number of hours
 - b. Adjusting hours to minimize problems with strong currents

Advisory Group and Staff

15. Formalizing a combined Recreational Crab/Shrimp Advisory Group
 - a. Current members almost identical between the crab and shrimp groups
 - b. Expectations and responsibilities of advisors
 - c. Two year term lengths for advisors
 - d. Making application

Handouts:

Winter recreational catch memo (email)
Preliminary Dungeness crab harvest summary for 2017-18 (email)
Dungeness crab test fishing summaries for MA 11, MA 12, MA 13 (email)
Summary of the closed-season gear sweep efforts (email)
Preliminary shrimp harvest summary for 2017-18 (email)