

**Puget Sound Recreational Crab Advisory Group
Conference Call
Thursday January 31, 2019
8:30 AM through ~11:30 AM**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions

- a. WDFW staff and advisory committee introductions
- b. Changes in contact information for the advisors
- c. Final comments about minutes from last meeting
- d. Forming the Mission Statement
- e. Status of the Advisory Group web page
- f. Progress toward hire of the Crustacean Lead (Mark O'Toole's old position)

2. *Shrimp Fishery*

- a. Management plan drafts by region and proposed harvest targets
- b. Final harvest totals for the 2018 fisheries
 - i. Tribal commercial shrimp harvests by region
 - ii. State commercial shrimp harvests by region
 - iii. Recreational shrimp harvests by management area
- c. 2019 recreational shrimp season planning
 - i. Starting date and initial dates for the shorter spot shrimp seasons
 - ii. Preliminary harvest targets by management area
 - iii. Options for structuring recreational fisheries in 6 and 7 West
- d. Shrimp Test Fisheries information
 - i. Post-season data and comparisons to previous years
 - ii. Upcoming pre-season test fisheries

3. *Crab Fishery*

- a. Update on the harvest totals for the 2018-19 fishery
 - i. Tribal commercial crab harvests by region
 - 1. How is unreported catch accounted for in Tribal fisheries
 - ii. Recreational fishery
 - 1. Preliminary estimates for winter 2018
 - 2. Status of EUC negotiations for recreational crab fisheries
 - iii. State commercial fishery harvests and status (complete, incomplete)
- b. Planning for the 2019-20 crab season
 - i. Potential for a southern Hood Canal closure
 - ii. Follow-up on Treaty request for later start in Hood Canal
 - iii. Possibilities for red rock only harvest in MA 11, 13
- c. Crab test fisheries information
 - i. Recent test fishery data collected
 - ii. Upcoming test fisheries
 - iii. Timing of post season crab test fishery in Hood Canal

4. *Derelict and lost gear recovery*

- a. Derelict Gear Report to the Legislature
- b. Summary of the 2018 Gear Recovery effort
 - i. Characteristics of the traps lost
 - ii. Recommendations to reduce trap loss
- c. Recommendations for future sweeps

Handouts:

Puget Sound Shrimp Policy document (sent earlier)
Map of shrimp management areas
2018 Shrimp Harvest Summary, final
2018 and draft 2019 shrimp harvest targets compared
State spot shrimp CPUE estimates, commercial and recreational
Map of crab management areas
2018-19 Harvest summary for crab, not final
Trap sweep summary 2018
Shrimp test fishing summary through 2018
Derelict Gear Report to Legislature, 2018