

Coastal Dungeness Crab Advisory Board Meeting

December 20, 2023

8:30 am



Proposed Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Introductions and Purpose of the Meeting	Heather Hall
8:45 – 9:00 AM	23/24 Season Test Fishing Results	Matt George
9:00 – 9:20 AM	Season Opening Discussion	Heather Hall
9:20 – 9:30	QIN Catch Update	Heather Hall
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Next Steps/Adjourn	Heather Hall



Tri-state test results

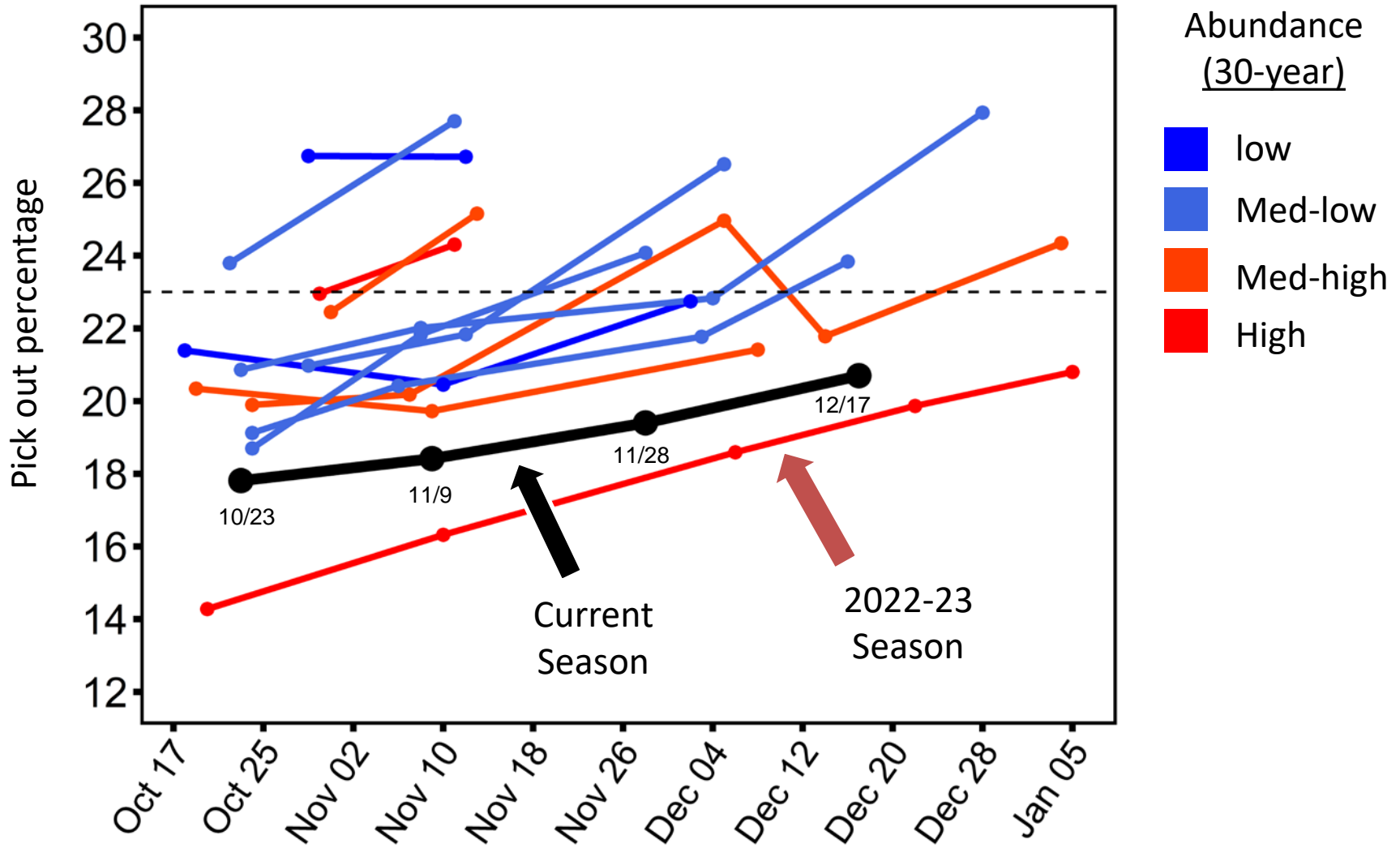
2023 Preseason Coastal Dungeness crab Test Fishery Results for WA, OR and CA

* Date is the date the pots were pulled

Test Area	Number of pots	Optional Early Round		Round 1		Round 2		Round 3	
		Date*	Meat Recovery %	Date*	Meat Recovery %	Date*	Meat Recovery %	Date*	Meat Recovery %
Washington									
Northern	n/a	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Westport	54	10/23/23	19.9%	11/9/23	22.6%	12/10/23	24.8%	NT	NT
Long Beach	54	10/22/23	17.8%	11/8/23	18.4%	11/28/23	19.4%	12/17/23	20.7%
Oregon									
Astoria (50-A)	18	NT	NT	11/9/23	18.9%	11/29/23	21.1%	12/17/23	22.9%
Garibaldi (50-B)	18	NT	NT	11/9/23	21.2%	11/29/23	23.0%	NT	NT
Newport North (50-C and 50-D)	36	NT	NT	11/8/23	21.6%	11/29/23	23.7%	12/13/23	26.2%
Newport South (50-E and 50-F)	36	NT	NT	11/8/23	24.6%	NT	NT	NT	NT
Coos Bay North (50-G and 50-H)	36	NT	NT	11/14/23	24.0%	NT	NT	NT	NT
Coos Bay South (50-I and 50-J)	36	NT	NT	11/14/23	23.2%	11/29/23	24.8%	NT	NT
Port Orford (50-K)	18	NT	NT	11/8/23	24.1%	NT	NT	NT	NT
Brookings (50-L)	18	NT	NT	11/8/23	25.2%	NT	NT	NT	NT



Long Beach



Tri-State Protocols

- **North of Cascade Head:** Meat recovery rate for each test area to reach **23 percent** (no rounding).
- **South of Cascade Head:** Meat recovery rate for each test area to reach **24 percent** (no rounding).
- Third Round of Test Fishing: scheduled for completion by December 22 - **call today at 11:30**
- Agency Directors or their designees will discuss the results and mutually decide to open the season on: December 31, January 15 or February 1.

- **If every test area meets the minimum meat recovery criteria :** Open on December 31.
- **If every test area is greater than or equal to 23% (no rounding) meat recovery:** Open on January 15.
- **If there are test areas that are below 23% or the third round of test fishing was not completed, but there are significant threats to the fishery forecast (whales, biotoxin, etc):** Open on January 15.
- **If there are test areas that are below 23% and there are insignificant known threats to the fishery forecast (whales, biotoxin, etc):** Tri-State protocols prescribe the season open on February 1.



Tri-State Season Opening

- States have the option to conduct a fourth round of test fishing and use the results to open the season on January 15 or February 1
- The next round of test fishing will be scheduled for completion by January 7
- Expect that ODFW will want another round of test fishing
- Like last year, unlikely to reach 23% in S. WA (see slide #4)



Quinault Catch Update

QIN Crab Landings

Month	59A-2	60A-1	60B	Total
December	25,276	973,192	213	998,681

2023-2024 First week:

- 92 landings
- Avg. landing 10,500 lbs.

QIN Crab Landings

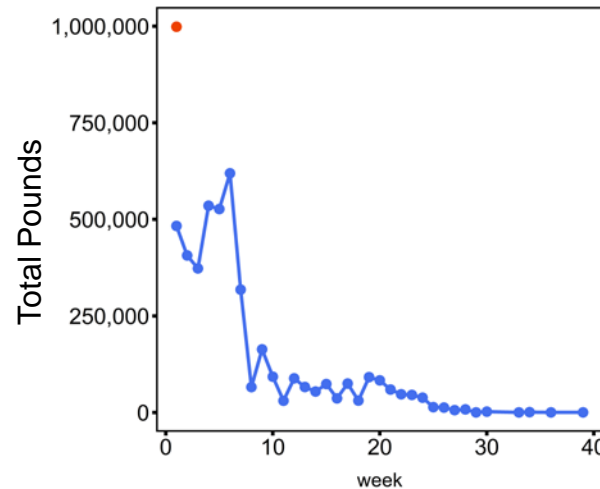
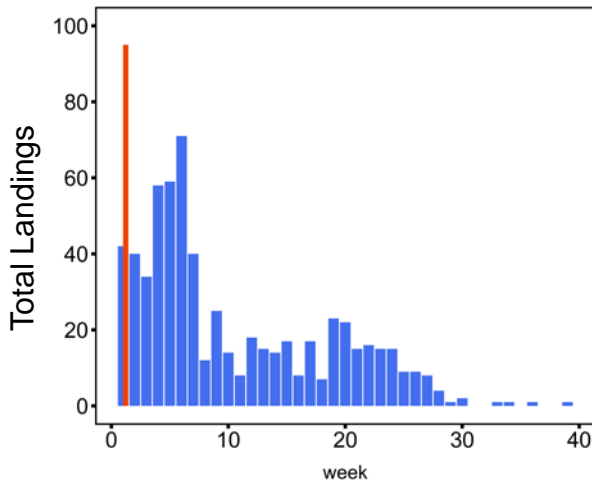
Month	59A-2	60A-1	60B	Total
December		600,158		600,158

2022-2023 First week:

- 42 landings
- Avg. landing 12,000 lbs.

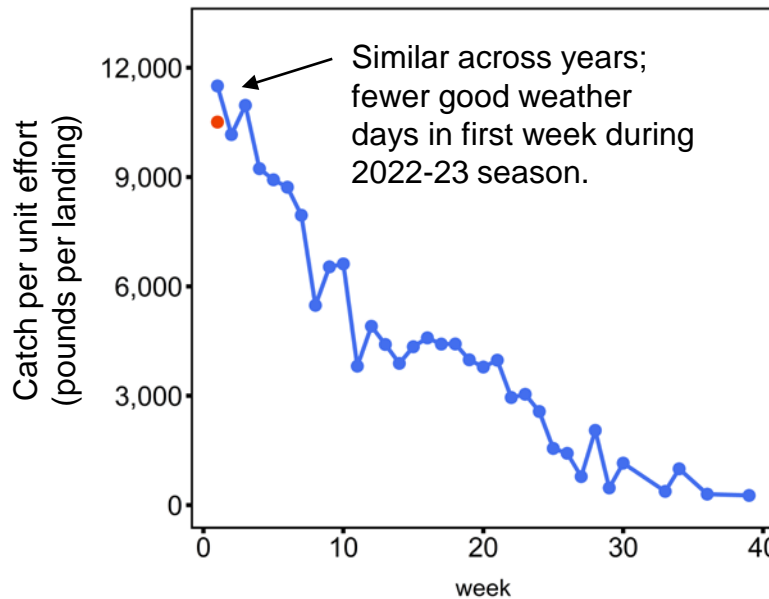


Quinault Catch Update



Proportion of landings by total pounds/landing

Landing (lbs)	2022-23	Current
> 30,000	8%	7%
20,000 – 30,000	8%	9%
10,000 – 20,000	13%	17%
0 – 10,000	79%	74%



- 2022-23
(open: 12/18)
- Current Season
(open 12/11)



State-Quinault Agreement –Sliding Scale

State-QIN meeting no later than January 12

Gear set: Jan 25-29, Open Jan 28 – Feb 1

Projected Season Abundance	Total Catch in 31 days	Total in 31 days/25	QIN season head start days
Low	1,000,000 – 1,250,000	40,000 – 50,000	45
Med	1,250,000 – 1,500,000	50,000 – 60,000	46
Med-high	1,500,000 – 1,750,000	60,000 – 70,000	47
High	> 1,750,000	70,000	49



State-Quinault Agreement – Inseason Management

SMA Revisions

1. A minimum adjustment to the western boundary of 10 fathoms will be a first step.
 - a. Alternative or additional adjustments may be made if agreed to by both parties.
2. A minimum adjustment to the southern and northern boundary of five miles will be a first step.
 - a. Alternative or additional adjustment may be made if agreed to by both parties.

Pot Limits

Pot limit adjustments may be used to increase or decrease opportunity.

Pot limits for the State fleet will not exceed permanent pot limit assignments of 300 or 500 pots.



Questions & Discussion

