

**Options for Stepped Up Pot Limits South of Klipsan* at the Start of the Season
Full pot limit starting April 1**

* - does not include 60 C or 60 D

Reduction in pot limit	STATUS QUO (using aver. 2012 thru 2015 seasons)				
	date	vessels	pot limit		pots/sq/mile
16%/ 20%	S of Klipsan Opens	47	250	400	59
0%	N of Klipsan Opens	51	300	500	79
0%	35 Day Fair Start	34	300	500	53
0%	35 Days to Apr. 1	19	300	500	31

Reduction in pot limit	OPTION 1 (assuming same level of effort)				
	date	vessels	pot limit		pots/sq/mile
30%	S of Klipsan Opens	47	175	280	41
25%	N of Klipsan Opens	51	225	375	59
15%	35 Day Fair Start	34	255	425	45
10%	35 Days to Apr. 1	19	270	450	28

Reduction in pot limit	OPTION 2 (assuming same level of effort)				
	date	vessels	pot limit		pots/sq/mile
50%	S of Klipsan Opens	47	88	140	21
40%	N of Klipsan Opens	51	135	225	36
25%	35 Day Fair Start	34	191	319	34
15%	35 Days to Apr. 1	19	230	383	23



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Dear Coastal Dungeness Crab Buyer:

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission recently approved rules regarding the use of electronic fish tickets. The rule changes, which will be implemented later this summer, include expansion of the requirement to use electronic fish tickets to include landings of directed Pacific halibut, groundfish deliveries from Alaska and British Columbia, and deliveries made by vessels conducting halibut and groundfish research. In addition, the rule also made the use of electronic tickets more widely available by authorizing the use of voluntary electronic reporting agreements with interested receivers of fish and shellfish.

These rule changes do not require electronic reporting for coastal Dungeness crab at this time, however, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) staff would like to take the opportunity to introduce the electronic fish ticket program to Dungeness crab buyers that are not already familiar with it. WDFW will hold a workshop to provide an overview of the electronic ticket program so that interested crab buyers can participate in the voluntary reporting program when it becomes available later this summer.

You are invited to attend an **electronic fish ticket workshop that will be held May 23, 2018 at the Montesano City Hall starting at 11:00 a.m.** Montesano City Hall is located at 112 North Main Street, Montesano, Washington 98563. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 360-902-2487 or Heather.Reed@dfw.wa.gov

Sincerely,

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