

Fisheries and Aquaculture Committee Hearing

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Recreational representative Dungeness Crab Task Force (DCTF)

- Introduction
 - Recreational rep to DCTF and Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers (HASA)
- Current role
 - Coordination between rec anglers and state agencies – initial season delay and season reopening
- Impacts to recreational fishery
 - Rec fishery inefficient, rec landings 2% of state landings, 461 commercial vessels last season landed 98% of total catch
 - Rec fishery economically supports coastal community businesses
 - Boats, maintenance, gear, bait, marinas, multiplier effects
 - Cultural impacts – harder to measure but priceless, family crabbing, traditional values that define coastal communities
 - Provides crab to lower income families
- Proposed Solutions
 - Follow the F & G Commission's direction from Nov. 5th meeting
 - Open areas regionally as soon as they become safe
 - State wide opener not required – OR & WA partial coastline open
 - Provide opportunity for rec anglers prior to commercial season
 - Weather impacts much higher on the rec fleet
- Future Seasons
 - Earlier testing and monitoring
 - Earlier public notification
- Summary
 - Follow F & G Commission's direction