

# Dungeness and Rock Crab Fishery Disaster Relief: Overview and Options for Consideration

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Provide Written Comments  
by 5pm on Wednesday, July 18:  
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# Purpose of Webinar

- To engage with the Dungeness and rock crab industries
- To provide background on disaster relief process and timing
  - Be responsive to questions
- To receive public feedback focused on Department-developed options

# Background

- Congress appropriated \$25.8 million to California crab disaster
- NOAA established guidance for use of funds
- State of California responsible for determining how money will be allocated through grant application to NOAA Fisheries.
- PSMFC will distribute funds based on CDFW determination

# NOAA Guidance

- State's grant application must:
  - Be consistent with NOAA's guidance and other fishery and disaster policies
  - Address impacts to fishermen, charter operations, shoreside infrastructure, subsistence users, and the fishing ecosystem and environment
  - Focus should be on restoring fishery and preventing future disasters
  - Strengthen long-term economic and environmental sustainability of the fishery

# NOAA Guidance

*“The spend plans...must articulate how the activities were prioritized and demonstrate how this assistance is aimed at preventing similar failures in the future. If the spending plan includes a request for direct payments, the project narrative must describe why direct payments, instead of long-term economic and environmental measures, are the best mechanism to address the fishery disaster...”*

# Proposed Distribution By Sectors

- **Mitigation of Future Impacts of Domoic Acid: 10-30%**
  - Domoic Research: 50%
  - Domoic Testing Infrastructure: 50%
- **Direct Payment to Support Industry: 69-89%**
  - Dungeness crab: 97%
    - Commercial Fishermen: 67%
    - Processors/Buyers: 30%
    - CPFVs: 3%
  - Rock crab: 3%
    - Commercial Fishermen: 70%
    - Processors/Buyers: 30%
- **PSMFC Overhead Rate: 1%\***
- **Department Loss in Landing Fees: 0.1%\***

\*Estimated

# Proposal for Mitigation of Future Impacts of Domoic Acid

- Research – Competitive grant program focused on Domoic acid environmental and ecological dynamics; supports development of predictive tools
- Testing Infrastructure – improve monitoring/testing capability to minimize impacts to the fishery

# Proposed Options for Disbursement Industry Sector: Commercial Fishermen

**# of Permits: 561 Dcrab; 126 South Rock & 43 North Rock**

- Option 1: Equal Share: split equally among all qualifying participants
  - Sub-option: Weighted by trap tier (Dcrab only)
- Option 2: Proportional to ex-vessel value of landings
  - Sub-option A: Based on difference between past average and disaster year
  - Sub-option B: Based on past average



# Proposed Options for Disbursement Industry Sector: Processors/Buyers

**~300 Businesses**

- Option 1: Equal Share: split equally among all qualifying participants
- Option 2: Proportional to ex-vessel value of landings
  - Sub-option A: Based on difference between past average and disaster year
  - Sub-option B: Based on past average

# Proposed Options for Disbursement Industry Sector: Dungeness Crab CPFV

**~90 vessels**

- Option 1: Equal Share: split equally among all qualifying participants
- Option 2: Proportional to historic trips from daily logbooks

# Q & A and Discussion

- Procedures
  - State your name and affiliation, if any
  - Feedback should consider NOAA guidance

# Next Steps

- **Additional questions/comments may be submitted in writing until 5pm, Wednesday, July 18**
  - [Christy.Juhasz@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Christy.Juhasz@wildlife.ca.gov)
- Summary of public comments received verbally and via email will be summarized and shared in the coming weeks:  
[www.wildlife.ca.gov/crab](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/crab)
- Department will take into consideration industry feedback
- Proposal submitted by Friday, July 20