

US Oregon Dungeness crab - pot/trap

Overview

FIP Description

This FIP includes the commercial pot fishery used to capture Dungeness crab along the Oregon coast. An MSC pre-assessment completed in 2018 concluded that the coastwide Dungeness crab stock is in healthy condition and the three-S input controls (season, size and sex limits) appear to be appropriate for the stock. Oregon has developed a limit reference point and the ability to take management actions based on that limit. However, the Dungeness crab stock includes coastal waters off California and Washington and those states do not have biologically meaningful reference points. The pre-assessment concluded that the fishery could proceed to full assessment, but would have a much greater likelihood of success if Oregon worked in collaboration with one or more of the other coastal states toward common harvest control rules and reference points to effectively control exploitation of the stock if necessary. Oregon has been in discussions with Washington about preparing to enter MSC assessment (including developing reference points and management strategies). There seems to be some interest in doing so but no immediate actions are being taken in Washington or California. As Oregon continues to work with the other states, they are interested in continuing to make improvements where they can through a Basic FIP.

How is this FIP Doing?

Current Status:



% of Indicators Tracked Basic FIPs may focus their workplans on a subset of the indicators. This shows the proportion of total indicators the FIP is working on.



Actions Progress This shows the proportion of actions in the workplan that the FIP has completed.

55%

Actions Overview This shows the proportion of actions that are behind schedule, on track, completed, or not yet started.

Behind	On Track	Complete	Future
0%	45%	55%	0%

FIP Progress Rating

B - Good Progress

FIP Objective(s)

1. Develop an index of crab stock status that takes uncertainty into account and assures that abundance stays in a productive zone by 2022.
2. Identify whether there are any main primary or main secondary species associated with this fishery by 2023.
3. Develop and implement short- and long-term options for reducing whale entanglements in Dungeness crab fishing gear by 2025.
4. Develop and implement new technologies to streamline logbook submittals and to monitor compliance with closed or restricted fishing areas (marine reserves) by 2025.
5. Develop a Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) for the Oregon Dungeness Crab fishery that explicitly incorporates the precautionary approach and includes objectives consistent with achieving the outcomes expressed by MSC's Principle 2 by 2024.
6. Conduct an external review of key parts of the Oregon Dungeness crab fishery management system by 2025.

FIP Type

Basic

FIP Stage

Stage 4: Improvements in Fishing Practices or Fishery Management

Start and Projected End Dates

August, 2020 -
August, 2025

Species

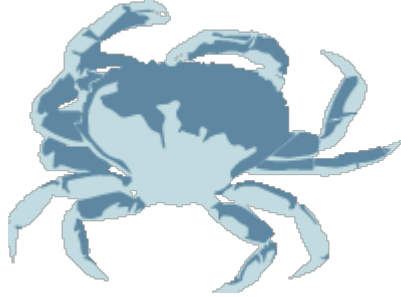
Common Name

Dungeness Crab

Scientific Name

Cancer Magister

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Gear Type

[Pot/Trap](#)

Location**FAO Major Fishing Area**

[Area 67 \(Pacific, Northeast\)](#)

Exclusive Economic Zones**Country**

United States of America (the)

Geographic Scope

Soft bottom coastal habitats within State (0-3 nm from shore) and Federal (3-200 nm) waters of Oregon

Country Flag of Vessel

United States of America (the)

Estimated Total FIP Landings

2234 metric tons

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