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Subject: RE: ODCC FIP worksheet

Hugh and Tim,

I would say what is entered as a response for 6C is still accurate. In addition, I have the following summaries from information this season so far related to the marine reserves:

- Troopers received complaints of commercial Dungeness crab gear in both the Cape Falcon and Cape Perpetua Marine Reserves. With the help of the USCG, flights were conducted out of Astoria and Newport. Gear was observed in both reserves within the reserve boundaries. One boat has been identified but Troopers are working with ODFW on buoy color gear registrations on the remaining 3 to try to determine who the buoys belong to.
- Troopers conducted a flight with USCG Newport and located multiple commercial crab pots inside of Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve. Additional information on the gear was found and the vessel they belonged to was identified. The captain of the vessel was contacted and admitted to setting at least 60 pots inside of the reserve claiming he was mistaken as to where exactly the closure lines were. The captain was cited criminally for Fishing Closed Area; Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve.
- Troopers conducted a flight of all of the Marine Reserves. A few pieces of gear were seen in Cascade Head and Cape Falcon. Meanwhile Troopers from the Tillamook Office responded to Cape Falcon by boat and identified the owner of the gear in Cape Falcon. Enforcement action is pending for the gear in Cape Falcon. The gear in Cascade head will be checked to determine who owns it during the next weather window.
- Troopers conducted ocean patrols over the course of 2 days in the Cascade Head and Cape Perpetua Marine Reserves. One pot was seized in Cape Perpetua, which was left over from a previous case where the boat captain was cited. Both reserves were otherwise clear of gear. The rule clarification to include surface gear as being prohibited inside the reserve made a big difference in how gear was being set around the reserves.

For 10C – Since November 2021, there have been 9 warnings and 2 citations issued related to compliance with Commercial Dungeness Crab Logbooks. Above summaries regarding marine reserves also apply to 10C and the OSP F&W Monthly Newsletter can be referenced for case summaries.

One thing to note that doesn't appear to be covered in this document related to undersize and female crab possession is there have been 3 warnings and 22 citations issued so far this season 21/22. It continues to be an issue up and down the coast this year.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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