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Hi Lisa,

Below is PC on both today's CP exhibit and next month's FMP crab exhibit. Can you make sure it gets included in both set of exhibit comments?

Thank you,
Kelly

From: Mike Bordelon <fvblackjack@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 11:46 AM
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Subject: Dungeness crab management plan- input

Thanks for the opportunity to review the draft management plan for Dungeness crab.

My overall impression of the document was favorable. I think it is well organized and contains a good description of the history and science behind management of this iconic Oregon crustacean.

I have a few comments and concerns that relate to the current issues. section of the document and also some more general comments on the plan.

1. Conservation Plan - This plan, which could result in an Incidental Take Permit from NOAA/NMFS is apparently being driven by the whale entanglement issues. In my opinion these observed entanglement issues are overstated and perhaps a bit misleading.

The document notes that whale entanglements have increased since 2014. When I look at the data presented, it appears that there were 7 observed entanglements from 2014 to 2021 and 6 observed entanglements from 2003 to 2014. Is this really a statistically valid "increase"? It is possible that there were more reports from 2014 to 2021 due to public awareness and technology (i.e. cell phone cameras now in wide use). Secondly, I think the gear entanglement issue needs to be put in perspective to other causes of harm (and mortality) such as vessel strikes. For the ESA listed species, the humpback whale, what are the other causes of mortality and how are those being addressed by NOAA/NMFS. Perhaps the factors that I note above are being considered in the Draft conservation plan.

The Management Plan notes that ODFW is targeting the draft Conservation plan for submission to NOAA by late 2021. Is that draft conservation plan available for public comment at this time?

2. Miscellaneous Comments-

In the goals section of this document there is reference to "preserving" ecosystem health.

While this is a laudable goal. I believe it is too broad for a management plan for one species. Perhaps "contribute" to ecosystem health would be more appropriate.

Safety- I have a family member who is a boat owner and captain in the Dungeness fleet. In that context, I recognize the very high safety risks associated with this fishery. I believe that the agency and commission should continue to be especially careful and diligent when considering policy and regulatory changes that may increase human safety risks.

Some stronger reference in the document to reflect a focus on safety for the commercial fleet and the potential interaction with policy and regulation may be warranted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I assume my comments will also be shared with the Commission, as they consider the management plan and the conservation plan for Dungeness crab.

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