

I'm a local fisherman from King Cove and I support a portion of proposal 170. I support the 500-pot limit but not the 10,000 max area pot limit. The 500 pot limit will limit an inundation of new vessels to the north peninsula. It very important for us fishermen to protect this area from the overharvesting of Dungeness crab. In my 40+ years of fishing, I have first-hand witnessed the negative implications that overfishing and overharvesting can have on an industry and a small fishing based village. I have children and grandchildren that deserve the chance to fish in this fishery. So I urge you to protect it by setting a 500 pot limit this year.

The Dungeness fishery is fairly new and has costed local fishermen and our cannery ample amount of money in order to join and participate. 500 Dungeness pots is sustainable for local 58' and smaller vessels. I'd like to see this fishery become a long-term investment and not a quick fix. It will only take one year for a larger boat with 3,000+ pots to devastate our area.

Thanks,

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