




Port Susan Marine Stewardship Area Conservation Action Plan (2012) Progress Tracker – Dungeness Crab

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Progress Legend			
Color coding for each action:			
Needs refinement/consider relevance	No progress made; needs attention	Some progress made; not meeting targeted goals	Progress is on-track or complete

Conservation Target 4: Dungeness Crab. <i>Cancer magister</i> is listed as a Priority Species by the state. They are an important resource for recreational, commercial, and tribal harvests, and are a vital food source for many other species. In Port Susan, the state and tribes are co-managers — meaning they help define and manage harvest. Port Susan is a popular place for a variety of people to go crabbing.					
Objective	Strategic Action	2012 Opportunity Rank	Opportunities to Support Progress	Actions Completed To-Date	Action Metrics (if applicable)
Objective 1: Maintain population structure by reducing take of undersized crabs by at least 50% of WDFW 2011 reported level by 2015 and reduce incidence of Dungeness crab mortality in derelict gear by 50% of WDFW 2011 levels by 2020.	Strategic Action 1: Implement comprehensive outreach plan to maintain good population structure and reduce loss of fishing gear by 2013 using WDFW crab endorsement funds.	Very High	Seek updates from with Department of Fish and Wildlife <u>Project to continue to track: Crabscape cord and educational materials to crabbers</u>	Crabber Education – Sound Water Stewards, Northwest Straits Commission, Island County MRC	<i>Numbers of recreational and commercial crabbers with inappropriate gear.</i>
	Strategic Action 2: Increase enforcement efforts in Port Susan by 2015 in conjunction with statewide efforts by WDFW.	Medium	Seek updates from Department of Fish and Wildlife and Stillaguamish Tribe		<i>Percent of undersized crab found in recreational and commercial catch.</i>
	Strategic Action 3: By 2015, conduct biennial crab pot removal in Port Susan and reduce new pot loss by 50% using WDFW funds from crab endorsement.	Medium	Seek updates from Department of Fish and Wildlife and Stillaguamish Tribe	Derelict Crab Pot Removal (2013 and 2021, Stillaguamish Tribe)	<i>Number of derelict pots. Number of derelict pots removed.</i> 2013, 45 crab pots and 1 crab ring removed
Conservation Target Summary: Dungeness crab					
	There was progress on 2 of 3 strategic actions related to Dungeness crab but one has not made progress. The crabber education efforts have been a success but more enforcement work is needed.				

Progress icons indicating Conservation Target status:	
	On track; meeting or exceeding expected progress on objectives and actions
	Room for improvement; some progress made but more needed



Little to no progress made; work to do in next 10 years

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