

Placeholder bill language as submitted for the first Senate committee

SEC. 2. Section 8276.x is added to the Fish and Game Code, to read:

8276.x. (a)(1) The department and the council, in coordination with the Dungeness crab industry and other stakeholders, shall develop long-term management rules for the Dungeness crab fishery, consistent with the purposes described in Section 35650 of the Public Resources Code.

(2) The council may support the development of stakeholder meetings and other processes that help implement paragraph (a)(1), including the establishment of an advisory body that equitably represents crab fisherman from major crab ports in the state.

(b)(1) Commencing January 1st, 2009, the Dungeness crab fishery may operate under new regulations such as catch limits, trap limits, season opening dates, and/or a combination of these examples of regulations, which may be area-specific.

(2) These new regulations will remain in affect unless, or until, other rules are promulgated.