

Study Guide-Crabbing and Derelict Gear

1. We harvest two crab species in the Salish Sea: _____ is primary.
_____ is secondary.
2. Like other hard-shelled animals crabs go through the process of _____ as they grow.
3. A female Dungeness Crab may produce _____ eggs in her lifetime.
4. A male crab goes through _____ molting stages before reaching legal size.
5. After molting, a crab's shell is _____. During those phases Dungeness Crabs may not be retained because they are easily _____ if handled and have _____ quality and quantity of meat.
6. Only the _____ sex Dungeness Crab can be retained. Daily limit is _____.
7. The male crab reaches legal size about _____ years after first molt. In our area most harvested crabs are about _____ years old. Maximum age is _____ years.
8. To determine legal size the crab must be measured across the _____ using a _____. In the Wa Salish Sea the minimum legal size is _____.
9. Generally speaking, in what part of the Salish Sea has the crab population crashed in the last several years? _____.
10. More than _____ derelict crab pots are lost every year in Wa's Salish Sea, killing over _____ harvestable crabs.
11. WDFW and partners are able to recover about _____ derelict pots each year.
12. Name several measures to reduce such crab and crab pot loss:

_____.
13. Dungeness Crab tastes _____.