

Fishing is a gamble. You never really know when you'll catch fish, crab or let alone make a profit. The expenses, on the other hand, are constantly rising. New gear, more equipment and rising fuel/bait costs have me breaking even sometimes.

I just started fishing on the north peninsula for Dungeness crab last year. However, I've been commercial fishing for more than 15 years. I was excited to get involved with a new fishing industry, but I feel like the dream may be cut short. Not having a pot limit for the north peninsula Dungeness crab fisheries creates an urge for new boats to rush to our area packed with pots. Local fishermen can't compete with 100' vessels packing 2,000 Dungeness crab pots. On proposal 170, I support the 500-pot limit, but not the 10,000-max cap. Please help us smaller, local fisherman protect the north pen this year.  
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