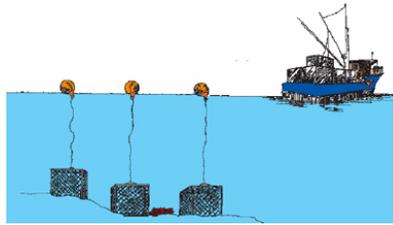


Pot or Trap Boats

Fishing Technique

Pot or trap boats drop baited traps to the bottom in order to target bottom fish such as crab and cod. The fish enter the trap to eat the bait then can't find their way back out.



Vessel Description

A *pot boat* is configured such that the pots can be stacked on the deck forward or aft of the house. Fitted on the starboard side of the vessel is a hydraulically powered line hauler device.



Target Species

Dungeness Crab

In the D13 AOR, the majority of pot boats harvest Dungeness crab off the entire Washington and Oregon coasts, primarily within 15 nm of shore, during the winter months. Depending on the status of the Dungeness crab season, anywhere from 150 to 500 commercial crabbers may be active. State and tribally licensed crabbers are also found targeting Dungeness crab in Washington internal waters.

Black Cod

Pot boats also target Black Cod (a.k.a. Sablefish) along the West Coast. The Black Cod fishery has significantly increased in popularity over the past several years due to reduced commercial salmon fishing opportunities resulting from West Coast salmon management restrictions. Much of the Black Cod pot fishery occurs in state waters or within 10 nm from shore.
