

Brown Crab Working Group Feedback

Brown Crab Stock

Having read the documentation provided:

Do you agree that the brown crab stock has declined since 2015?

Do you agree that there is a need for new management measures to protect the stock?

Should the brown crab working group develop a fishery management plan for the Irish crab stocks?

Do you agree with the suggested Irish brown crab stock boundaries on the map?

If you believe they are not correct, what changes would you make?

Potential Management Measures

What is your preferred approach to managing the Irish crab stock? Technical measures, restrictions on the amount you can fish or restrictions on the amount you can catch or a combination of these?

Would you support the introduction of managed access to the crab fishery?

If you believe additional management measures are needed, which approach do you prefer - restrictions on the amount you can fish (Input controls i.e. pot limits, closures etc) or restrictions on the amount you can catch (Output controls i.e. TAC)?

If you would support restrictions on the amount you can fish, which specific measures do you believe would work best and why? If you believe some measures will not work state, why.

If you would support restrictions on the amount you can catch, which specific measures do you believe would work best and why? If you believe some measures will not work state, why.

Which technical measures, if any, would you introduce?

Which secondary support measures should be prioritised?

Should the Brown Crab Working Group continue its work in order to better manage the brown crab stock?