

Lesson Plan: Central Coast Fisherman concerned over delayed crab season News Quiz



Reading comprehension

Grade Level: 9-12

Lesson time: 30 minutes

Overview

Lookout's News Quizzes are a great way to get students interested in local news in an easy and quick way. These quizzes test reading comprehension while getting students more informed on issues and happenings in the community.

How best to use this in your classroom

Quizzes are sorted by date and headline and updated frequently. Choose an article related to one of your current teachings. Have students read the article, answer the 10 questions and then share any observations. This is a great reading comprehension and media literacy activity. It could also be a great way to give students extra credit opportunities in your class, a lesson to share when you have a substitute teacher and/or a great icebreaker to connect students with local issues.

LESSON PLAN

- Share this article with your students and have them read it. This can be assigned as homework or done in class (10 min)

'It's not 'us versus the whales'': Delayed crab season weighs heavily on Central Coast fishermen

- Share the questions with your class and have them answer the questions, either individually or in small groups. Find our Questions doc for a printable or shareable document (10 min)
- Using the answer key, you can either grade this quiz or have a class discussion around it (10 min)

News Quiz Questions & Answer Key



1. What has caused consistent delays in the crabbing season this season?

A: Migrating humpback whales

2. What did a dozen fishermen meet to discuss recently?

A: Their concern about how to deal with the economic impact of a Dungeness crab that has yet to start

3. When is the traditional opening of the Dungeness crab season?

A: November 15

4. How much income do fishermen typically receive from the crab season?

A: A majority of their income

5. Where do humpback whales migrate from and to?

A: Humpback whales migrate in the fall from the northern Pacific Coast down to breeding grounds off the coast of Mexico

6: How come the California Department of Fish and Wildlife postponed crab season during humpback migration?

A: The whales can become entangled in the lines that connect crab pots which can result in injury or even death for the whale

7. What did the fisherman vote on at their meeting?

A: A vote on whether to accept a lifeline given to them by the CDFW: Although the whales had yet to completely clear the area, the fishermen would be allowed to fish with half of their permitted gear beginning January 1.

8. What was the outcome of the vote?

A: Voted unanimously to accept the offer

9. What is the trickle down effect of a shorter/postponed crab season?

A: Although the fishermen bear the financial brunt of the delay, the trickle-down effect is that we don't get the travelers that come in [the harbor], fuel sales, people that come down here to buy crab. ... There's just a variety of revenue loss for the port district

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10. Do you feel it is important to balance fishermen's financial needs and income security with the safety of humpback whales? Do you feel one is more important than the other? Why or why not?

A: Open ended, opinion