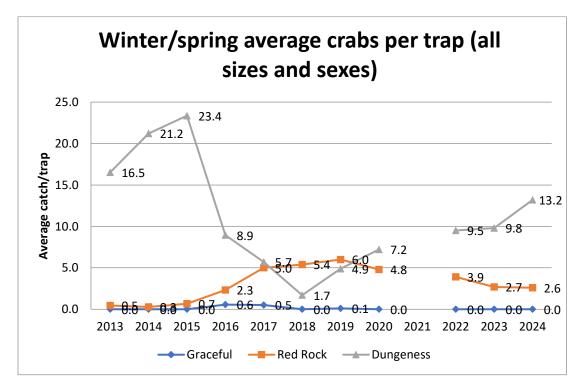


Test catches of legal-size males averaged 11 crabs per trap which is nearly double last year's test catch. Unfortunately, male recruit catches decreased by more than 60% compared to last year (the trend of the legal-size males has followed the trend of the previous year's male recruits 6 out of 7 times).



Total Dungeness catches are up to an average of 13.2 crab per trap this year compared to 9.8 last year. Red Rock crab catches are nearly unchanged compared to last year at 2.6 crab per trap. Not a single Graceful crab was encountered on the survey.