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Dungeness Crab Trap Limit Program

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Dungeness Crab Trap Limit Program

Now Available for Public Comment

The passing of [SB369 \(PDF\)](#) in 2011 added Section 8276.5 to the Fish and Game Code, which imposes trap limits on Dungeness crab vessel permit holders. The legislative statute authorizes the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), under the authority of the Director, to implement the program. CDFW's Marine Region, Law Enforcement Division, and License and Revenue Branch contributed to drafting new regulations to be adopted in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. The [regulations \(PDF\)](#) were designed to limit each permit holder to operating the number of traps within their trap tier limits. The [Dungeness Crab Task Force](#), after reviewing the new regulations, approved them with a vote in the affirmative, which is "considered to be evidence of consensus in the Dungeness crab industry" as stated in Section 8276.5(c) of the Fish and Game Code.

Public Hearing

CDFW will hold a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on August 20, 2012, in Conference Room 405 at the Rattigan State Office Building, 50 D Street, Santa Rosa, California 95404. The conference room is wheelchair accessible. At the hearing, any person may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the proposed action described in the Informative Digest (see the [Complete Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(PDF\)](#)). CDFW requests but does not require that the persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a written copy of their testimony at the hearing.

Written Comment Period

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to CDFW. All written comments must be received by CDFW at the following office no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 20, 2012**. All written comments must include the true name and mailing address of the commenter.

Written comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or e-mail, to:

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Documents Related to this Notice

- [Complete Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(PDF\)](#)
- [Regulations \(PDF\)](#)
- [Initial Statement of Reasons \(PDF\)](#)
- [The 2013-2014 In-Season Replacement Dungeness Crab Buoy Tag Affidavit \(PDF\)](#)
- [The 2014 Between-Season Replacement Dungeness Crab Buoy Tag Affidavit \(PDF\)](#)

[Marine Region \(Region 7\)](#)

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