

California Ocean Litter Strategy Update

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Ocean Litter Strategy Update – Purpose

Purpose:

To identify priorities to address ocean litter and to coordinate the activities of a broad range of stakeholders to effectively reduce ocean litter



Ocean Litter Strategy Update - Timeline

- **January 2017:** Ocean Litter Strategy Update process began
- **May 2017:** 1st workshop in Oakland to solicit stakeholder development of action items
- **September 2017:** Draft Strategy released for public review and comment
- **November 2017:** 2nd Workshop scheduled in La Jolla
- **January 2018:** Final Strategy to be considered by the Ocean Protection Council

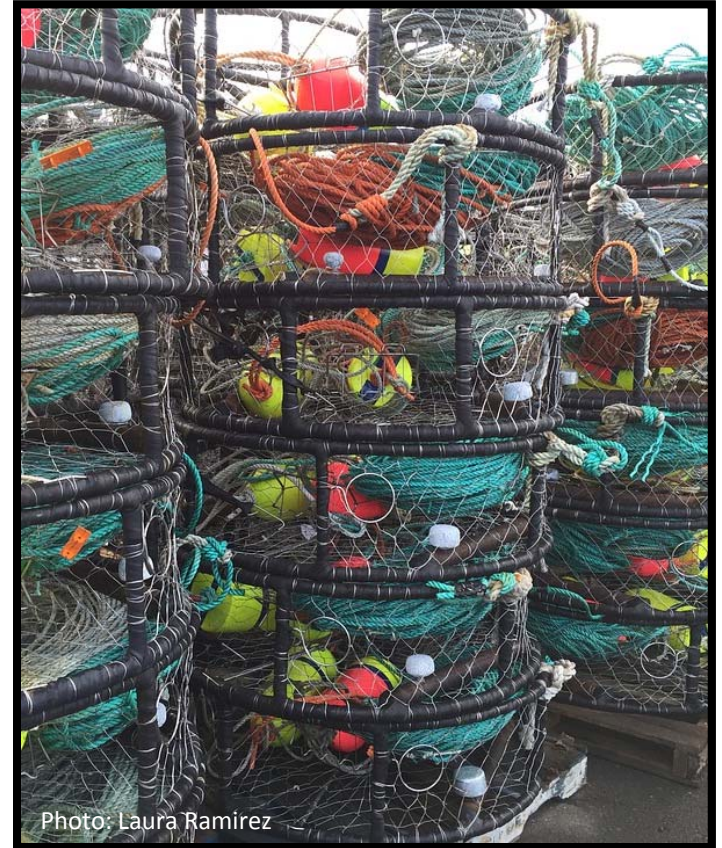


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Action Items for Fishing and Aquaculture Gear

Prevention:

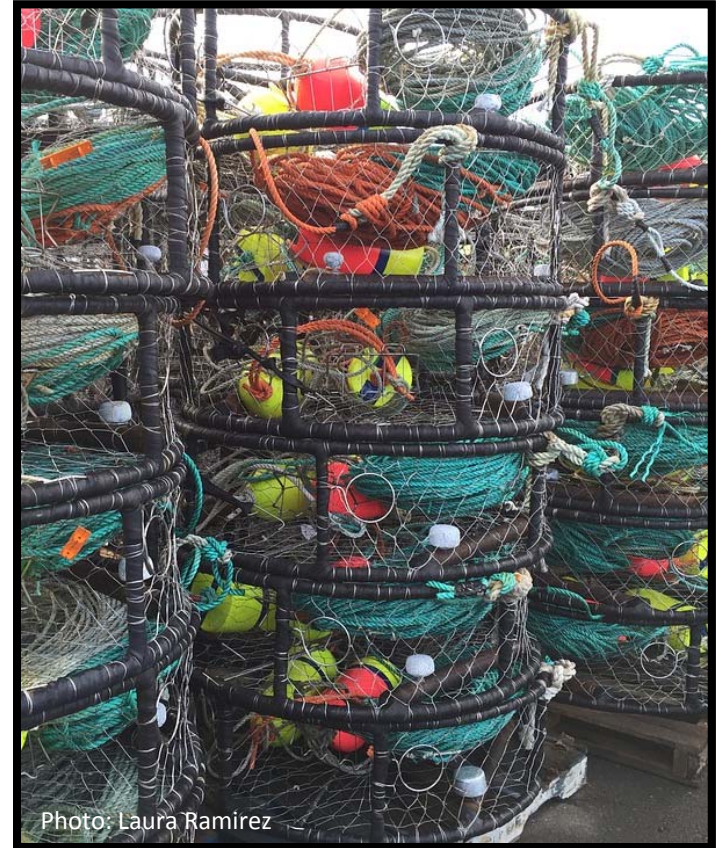
- **Changing fishing gear design** to prevent repetitive gear loss
- **Leveraging industry knowledge** to increase education and prevent gear loss
- **Developing and implementing best management practices** for aquaculture



Action Items for Fishing and Aquaculture Gear

Clean-up:

- **Improving tracking** for lost fishing and aquaculture gear
- **Removing lost** fishing gear and legacy aquaculture gear
- **Researching policy barriers** to lost gear removal and cleanup



Thank You



- Updates are available on the OPC website:
<http://www.opc.ca.gov/2017/09/litter-strategy-update/>