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April 2, 2019

**To all California Commercial Dungeness Crab Vessel Permit Holders:**

Acting in my official capacity as the Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department), I have determined that the California commercial Dungeness Crab fishery is being conducted in a manner that poses a significant risk of marine life entanglement. In order to reduce this risk, and pursuant to the authority in section 8276.1 of the California Fish and Game Code, the California commercial Dungeness crab fishery will close on April 15, 2019.

**This closure requires all commercial Dungeness Crab fishing gear (lines, buoys and pots) to be removed from all ocean waters off California by 11:59 p.m. on April 15, 2019. All commercial Dungeness crab landings must also be completed by 11:59 p.m. on April 15, 2019.**

The Department appreciates your cooperation to help protect marine life in California. Frequently asked questions and updates regarding the commercial Dungeness Crab fishery will be made available on the Department's webpage: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/crabs](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/crabs). You may also contact Ryan Bartling, Senior Environmental Scientist, at [Whalesafefisheries@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Whalesafefisheries@wildlife.ca.gov) or (707) 576-2877.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C. H. Bonham'.

Charlton H. Bonham  
Director