



DECLARATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN DRIFT GILL NET TRANSITION PROGRAM

DFW 1083 (NEW 08/31/19)

THIS FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 1, 2020

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(see also Section 106.5, Title 14, California Code of Regulations)

Pursuant to Section 8583(a), California Fish and Game Code, by March 31, 2020, the Department shall establish a program to transition the holders of drift gill net permits issued pursuant to Section 8561 out of the drift gill net fishery that includes the following conditions:

- (1) A permittee who chooses to participate in the transition program shall indicate his or her intention to the Department to participate by submitting a notarized form provided by the Department **on or before January 1, 2020**.
- (2) A permittee who has landed swordfish or thresher shark with a shark or swordfish gill net or with a federal deep set buoy gear exempted fishing permit between April 1, 2012, and March 31, 2018, inclusive, and who voluntarily surrenders his or her drift gill net permit issued pursuant to Section 8561 and shark or swordfish gill net or nets shall receive, to the extent that funds for the transition program are available, the following amounts: (A) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to surrender the permit. (B) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to surrender the net or nets.
- (3) A permittee who has not landed swordfish or thresher shark on or after April 1, 2012, and who voluntarily surrenders his or her drift gill net permit issued pursuant to Section 8561 and shark or swordfish gill net or nets shall receive, to the extent that funds for the transition program are available, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
- (4) The Department shall inform a permittee who submits a notarized form pursuant to paragraph (1) whether the permittee meets the requirements of paragraph (2) or (3) and the Department shall submit this information to the fiscal agent.
- (5) Any permittee who participates in the transition program by surrendering his or her permit pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) shall be prohibited from obtaining a new California drift gill net shark and swordfish permit, shall agree not to fish under a federal drift gill net permit, shall agree not to transfer or renew a federal drift gill net permit, and shall surrender his or her shark or swordfish gill net or nets to an entity approved by the department for the purpose of destroying the nets.

Permittee must complete Sections 2-4 below and submit the required documentation. See reverse for instructions and documents required for permit surrender.

SECTION 2. DRIFT GILL NET SHARK AND SWORDFISH PERMITTEE INFORMATION

COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE NUMBER	DRIFT GILL NET SHARK AND SWORDFISH PERMIT NUMBER	GO ID NUMBER
FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST
MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
DAY TELEPHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS	

SECTION 3. PARTICIPATION IN DRIFT GILL NET SHARK AND SWORDFISH PERMIT TRANSITION PROGRAM

Initials	STATEMENTS A-C: Initials below for all statements.
	A. I AGREE TO RELINQUISH MY DRIFT GILL NET SHARK AND SWORDFISH PERMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT UPON NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2021
	B. I AGREE TO NOT ACQUIRE A NEW STATE DRIFT GILL NET SHARK AND SWORDFISH PERMIT IN THE FUTURE
	C. UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT I AGREE TO NOT FISH UNDER, RENEW, OR TRANSFER A FEDERAL DRIFT GILL NET PERMIT

STATEMENTS D-F: Initial below for statement(s) applicable to you:

	D. I HAVE LANDED SWORDFISH OR THRESHER SHARK USING LARGE-MESH (≥14 INCH MESH) DRIFT GILL NET OR DEEP SET BUOY GEAR UNDER A FEDERAL EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2012 AND MARCH 31, 2018 (PROVIDE LANDING RECEIPTS OR LANDING DATE AND LOCATION FOR VERIFICATION)
	E. I POSSESS ONE OR MORE LARGE-MESH (≥14 INCH MESH) DRIFT GILL NET(S) AND AGREE TO RELINQUISH ALL SUCH NETS TO A NET DESTROYING ENTITY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT (INDICATE NUMBER <u>AND APPROXIMATE LENGTH</u> OF NETS HERE): _____
	F. I DO NOT POSSESS ANY LARGE-MESH (≥14 INCH MESH) DRIFT GILL NET(S)

I agree to all of the above requirements, and certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all conditions of the applicable provisions of the Fish and Game Code (FGC), and the regulations promulgated thereto. I agree that if I make any false statement as to any fact required as a prerequisite to the review, approval of this declaration, the permit will be surrendered, and I understand that I may be subject to prosecution pursuant to FGC Section 1054 or to other administrative actions pursuant to Section 746, Title 14, of the CCR. I certify under penalty of perjury that the included information is true to the best of my information and belief.

SECTION 4. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF PERMITTEE

X	DATE
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STEPS FOR SURRENDER OF DRIFT GILL NET SHARK AND SWORDFISH PERMIT

- 1) The current permittee must submit this notarized, initialed and signed form to the Department at the address below. Forms must be postmarked by January 1, 2020.
- 2) The Department will review this form and determine eligibility in the Transition Program. The Department will notify the current permittee of eligibility in writing when funds are available.
- 3) If eligible, the current permittee must submit the following documentation to the Department at the address below by March 31, 2021:
 - their drift gill net shark and swordfish permit,
 - valid receipt from the relinquishment of net(s) to an entity approved to destroy drift gill nets (subsection (e) of Section 106.5, Title 14, California Code of Regulations), and
 - a completed state form STD 204, Payee Data Record.
- 4) Upon receipt of permit and net relinquishment, the Department will notify the fiscal agent to initiate payment. Payments will be mailed via check to the address provided in Section 2.

NOTE: This is a voluntary process. Any permittee who has completed the steps outlined in subsections (a) or (b) of Section 106.5, Title 14, CCR may withdraw their intent to participate in the Transition Program prior to receipt of compensation outlined in subsection (d) of Section 106.5, Title 14, CCR, by submitting written notice postmarked on or before January 1, 2021 to the Department's License and Revenue Branch.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS FORM

The following items must be submitted:

- Original notarized, initialed and signed Declaration of Intent to Participate in Drift Gill Net Transition Program.
- One landing receipt, or landing date and location, if the permittee meets the description in Section 3, Statement D.

If you have any questions regarding required documents, permit surrender, or payment from the fiscal agent, please contact License and Revenue Branch, at (916) 928-5822 or via email LRB@wildlife.ca.gov.

If you have any questions regarding the Transition Program or relinquishment of nets, please contact the Marine Region, at (831) 649-2870 or via email AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov.

MAIL DECLARATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
License and Revenue Branch
1740 N. Market Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834

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