

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE

Section 122.1, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§ 122.1. Lobster Buoys and Trap Tags

... [No changes to subsection (a)]

~~(b) Each buoy identifying a lobster trap shall display the commercial fishing license identification number of the lobster operator permit holder followed by the letter P. The commercial fishing license identification number and the letter P shall be in a color that contrasts with that of the buoy and shall be at least 1 inch in height and at least 1/8 inch in width. All lobster operator permit holders shall maintain lobster trap buoys in such a condition that buoy identifying numbers are clearly readable. Each buoy marking any lobster trap shall comply with marking requirements set forth in Section 180.5 of these regulations.~~

... [No changes to subsection (c)]

Note: Authority cited: Sections 7075 and 7078, and 9005, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 7050, 7055, 7056, 8250.5, 9002, 9005 and 9010, Fish and Game Code.

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Section 125, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§ 125. Commercial Rock Crab Permits

... [No changes to subsections (a)-(b)(1)]

(b)(2) ~~Pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 9005, every trap or string of traps deployed for purposes of commercially harvesting rock crab shall be marked with a buoy.~~ Each buoy marking any rock crab trap shall comply with marking requirements set forth in Section 180.5 of these regulations.

... [No changes to subsections (b)(3)-(j)]

Note: Authority cited: Sections 1050 ~~and~~, 8282, and 9005, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 1050, 7852.2, 7857, 7858, 8043, 8047, 8250.5, 8275, 8282, 8284, 9000, 9001, 9002, 9005, 9006 and 9011, Fish and Game Code.

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE

Section 126.1, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§ 126.1. Commercial Take of Tanner Crab

... [No changes to subsections (a)(1)-(a)(4)(E)]

(F) ~~Vessel Buoy Marking Requirement. In addition to the trap and buoy marking requirements specified in Fish and Game Code section 9006 and 9007, every~~Each string of traps shall be marked with a buoy on each end of the string that is marked with the vessel's commercial boat registration number issued by the department pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 7881. Each buoy marking any tanner crab trap shall comply with marking requirements set forth in Section 180.5 of these regulations. A vessel fishing under authority of a Tanner Crab Trap Vessel Permit may only take, possess aboard a vessel, transport, deliver, or land Tanner crab from traps marked with the vessel's own registration number. ~~The vessel's registration number on each buoy shall be preceded by the letters "TC." The numbers and letters shall be in a color which contrasts with the color of the buoy. A line thickness no less than 1/8 inch shall be used to create letters and numbers which shall be no less than two (2) inches in height and no less than one (1) inch in greatest width. The permit holder shall maintain the buoys so that the registration numbers and the letters "TC" are legible and easily determined.~~

... [No changes to subsections (a)(4)(G)-(f)]

Note: Authority cited: Sections 713, 1050, 5508, 7090, 7857, 8026 ~~and~~, 8282 and 9005, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 1050, 1052, 5508, 7050, 7051, 7055, 7056, 7058, 7850, 7857, 7881, 8026, 8031, 8040, 8041, 8042, 8043, 8046, 8051, 8250.5, 8282, 8284, 8834, 9000, 9001, 9002, 9003, 9004, 9005, 9006, 9007, 9008 and 9011, Fish and Game Code.

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE

Section 180.1, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§ 180.1. Spot Prawn (*Pandalus platyceros*) Fishing.

... [No changes to subsections (a)-(c)]

(d) ~~Each string of~~ Each buoy marking any spot prawn traps shall ~~be marked with a buoy bearing the commercial fishing license identification number issued to the owner or operator of the vessel.~~ comply with marking requirements set forth in Section 180.5 of these regulations.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 711 ~~and~~, 8591, and 9005, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 710.7, 711, 8140, 8590, 8591, 8593, 8594, 8595, 8842, 9000, 9001, 9004-9008 and 9015, Fish and Game Code.

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Section 180.5, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§ 180.5. Trap Buoy Identification

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 9005 of the Fish and Game Code, every trap or string of traps placed in waters of the state to take fin fish, mollusks or crustaceans for commercial purposes shall be marked with a buoy. ~~Buoys used to mark any trap or string of traps shall be clearly and distinctly marked with a buoy identification number as required by Section 9006 of the Fish and Game Code.~~ The specified identification number shall be at least one and one-half inches in height and one-quarter inch in width. Each trap marker buoy shall bear the specified number in a color which contrasts with that of the buoy and the number shall be applied so that it is visible and legible.

(b) Notwithstanding requirements set forth in Fish and Game Code Section 9006, starting May 1, 2020:

(1) Every buoy marking a commercial trap used in a fishery described below shall be marked exclusively with the Identification Letter specific to that fishery.

(2) At least one buoy marking each trap, or each end of a string of traps, shall be marked with the Identification Number followed by an Identification Letter.

(3) Identification Numbers and Identification Letters shall be as follows:

<u>Fishery & Gear Type</u>	<u>Identification Number</u>	<u>Identification Letter</u>
<u>Lobster Trap</u>	<u>operator's commercial fishing license identification number</u>	<u>P</u>
<u>Rock Crab Trap</u>	<u>operator's commercial fishing license identification number</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Tanner Crab Trap</u>	<u>vessel's commercial boat registration number</u>	<u>I</u>
<u>Spot Prawn Trap</u>	<u>operator's commercial fishing license identification number</u>	<u>S</u>
<u>Coonstripe Shrimp Trap</u>	<u>operator's commercial fishing license identification number</u>	<u>C</u>
<u>Nearshore Finfish Trap</u>	<u>operator's commercial fishing license identification number</u>	<u>Z</u>

(c) All Identification Numbers shall be at least one and one-half (1.5) inches in height and drawn with a line no less than 1/4 (0.25) inch thick.

(d) Identification Letters shall be at least three (3) inches in height and drawn with a line no less than 1/4 (0.25) inch thick. Every buoy shall be marked as follows:

(1) Buoys that are four (4) inches in diameter or greater shall have Identification Letters marked on four opposing sides; and

(2) Buoys that are smaller than four (4) inches in diameter shall have Identification Letters marked on two opposing sides.

(e) All Identification Numbers and Identification Letters on a buoy shall be clearly and distinctly marked, and in a color that contrasts with the buoy; the numbers and letters shall be applied and maintained so that they are visible and legible.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 9003, 9005 and 9006, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 9002, 9003, 9005, 9006, 9007 and 9008, Fish and Game Code.