



45 Day Continuation Notice of California Notice Register Z-2019-0611-06 Re: Standardized Commercial Trap Marking Program

August 20, 2019

In accordance with Government Code Section 11346.4(a) of Administrative Procedure Act, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is posting notice of a 45-day continuation comment period of the proposed action to amend sections 122.1, 125, 126.1, 180.1, and 180.5, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) RE: Standardized Commercial Trap Marking Program. The proposed regulations and associated documents were published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on June 21, 2019, No. 25-Z: File Z-2019-0611-06, and were available for a 45-day public comment period through August 6, 2019 (the "Original Proposed Package"). A public hearing was held on August 6, 2019 in Monterey.

There are **no proposed changes to the Original Proposed Package** with this 45-day comment period continuation.

However, this 45-day comment period extension serves to correct an oversight for certain interested parties who did not receive electronic or hard copy notice of availability of the Original Proposed Package during the June 2019 mailing, consistent with Government Code Section 11346.4(a) and Section 86, Title 1, CCR. In the interest of transparency, the Department is notifying the full list of interested parties (consisting of primarily commercial fishermen of the affected trap fisheries – lobster, rock crab, tanner crab, spot prawn, coonstripe shrimp and nearshore finfish), including those who received the notice in June 2019.

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments on the Original Proposed Package. All written comments must be received by the Department via mail, or e-mail, no later than midnight on Friday, October 4, **2019**, to the contact as follows:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Regulations Unit – Standardized Commercial Trap Marking Program Attn: Ona Alminas, Sr. Environmental Scientist 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1342-A

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The Department will also receive written and oral comments during a public hearing scheduled at the following wheelchair accessible location:

Monday, October 7, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Department Monterey Office, Large Conference Room, 20 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100, Monterey, CA, 93940

The comments and respective responses on the Original Proposed Package (first 45-day period), and comments with responses from its Continuation Notice (second 45-day period) will be published with the Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR), around the time the Department would adopt the revised regulations, and before the planned effective date of November 15, 2019.

Please direct all questions on the Original Proposed Package to the contact person listed above.

The documents comprising the Original Proposed Package include the following, available on the Department's website at: https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/Regulations/Marking

- 1. Notice of Proposed Action (PDF)
- 2. California Regulatory Notice Register, June 25-z (PDF)
- 3. Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) (PDF)
- 4. Proposed amendments to sections 122.1, 122.1, 125, 126.1, 180.1, & 180.5 regulatory text (PDF) (Title 14, CCR; shown by strikeout/ underline)
- 5. Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement (Form 399) and addendum (PDF)
- 6. <u>Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and National Oceanic Atmospheric</u>
 <u>Administration (2018). Forensic Review Workshop Report- Reviewing Gear Involved in West Cost Whale Entanglement (PDF)</u> -document relied upon

Sincerely,

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