August 31, 2019

On August 19, 2019, the Department of Fish and Wildlife sent a “15-Day Continuation Notice Re: § 132.7 Lost or Abandoned Dungeness Crab Trap Gear Retrieval Program” to interested parties describing corrections the Department made its proposed regulations for the gear retrieval program, and explaining that the comment period on the changes ends on September 3, 2019.

It recently came to the Department’s attention that due to an oversight, the Department’s August 19, 2019 notice was not sent to some interested parties. The purpose of this second mailing is to correct the oversight by ensuring that all interested parties receive the same notice and have at least 15 days to comment on the changes described therein. The second mailing notice is below. It is identical to the August 19, 2019 notice except the planned effective date has been changed to September 20, 2019, and the closing date of the comment period has been changed to September 14, 2019 for all interested parties.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Fish and Wildlife has made changes to the Amended Notice (OAL Register Z-2019-0201-01; and, Z-2019-0430-02):

The following changes to the addition of Section 132.7, Lost or Abandoned Dungeness Crab Trap Gear Retrieval Program, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, address necessary corrections:

- Subsection (c): the applicant for trap gear retrieval is advised of the required forms and that the forms will be available online at www.wildlife.ca.gov.
  - (c)(1)(B) retrieval permittees must have a formal structure in the form of a written charter or a governing board.
  - (c)(1)(C) “government entity” has been changed to “Local agency” and “District” within the meaning of California law.
  - (c)(2) and (3) Form numbers have been added to the text to better clarify which form is to accompany the required fee.
- Corrections made to the text references to form date and on all the forms to clarify the date of amendment.

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- Forms: Certification of information provided to the Department must be correct and true under penalty of perjury.

Additional information is provided in the Supplemental Statement of Reasons and all associated documents may be found on the Department of Fish and Wildlife website at: https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/Regulations.

This 15-day continuation period allows for public comments concerning only the proposed amendments to the regulatory language but not on the unchanged aspects of the proposal that were already noticed during the prior 45-day periods. All comments, with Department responses, will be published with the Final Statement of Reasons (FSOR). The planned effective date is September 20, 2019.

After consideration of all public comments, objections, and recommendations regarding the proposed action, the Department may adopt the proposed regulations.

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments on the proposed changes to the Department. All written comments must be received by the Department via mail, or e-mail, no later than Saturday, September 14, 2019, to:

Submit comments to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Region
Attn: Morgan Ivens-Duran, Environmental Scientist
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Monterey, CA 93940

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