



## 2020 COMMERCIAL PACIFIC HERRING RENEWAL NOTICE

### California Pacific Herring Fishery Management Plan and Permit Overhaul

The 2020-2021 commercial herring season will be the first season managed under the new California Pacific Herring Fishery Management Plan (Herring FMP) for all commercial Herring management areas (San Francisco Bay, Tomales Bay, Humboldt Bay, and Crescent City Harbor). The Herring FMP overhauled the permit system for gillnet and Herring Eggs on Kelp (HEOK), with new, simplified classes of permits.

The new California Pacific herring regulations that help support the implementation of the Herring FMP required prior herring permits to be converted to new classes of permits on April 1, 2020.

For a complete description of all regulatory changes established by the Herring FMP, please visit the Fish and Game Commission web page at [https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/2019-New-and-Proposed#herring\\_fmp](https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/2019-New-and-Proposed#herring_fmp).

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### 2020-2021 Deadline to Renew Pacific Herring Permits

The deadline to renew Pacific Herring Permits for the 2020-2021 permit year is **May 31, 2020**. Commercial Herring Permit Renewals must be received with the permit fee at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, California 95834, or if mailed, postmarked on or before May 31, 2020.

**Commercial Herring Permit Renewals received after May 31, 2020, must be accompanied by a late fee. 2020-2021 Renewal Late Fees**

### 2020-2021 Renewal Late Fees

<b>June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020</b>	<b>\$160.75</b>
<b>July 1, 2020 to July 30, 2020</b>	<b>\$320.25</b>
<b>July 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$641.25</b>

### Vessel Designation Requirement

Permittees must designate a 2020-2021 registered California Commercial Vessel on the 2020-2021 Commercial Herring Permit Renewal. Up to two Temporary Herring Permits or one herring permit of any other classification may be assigned to a current registered vessel. No herring permit shall be valid for more than one vessel at a time.

### Checklist for Renewing Your 2020-2021 Pacific Herring Permit

- ✓ Review the preprinted information on the enclosed Commercial Herring Permit Renewal. Line through incorrect information and legibly print corrections.
- ✓ Before a 2020-2021 Pacific Herring Permit can be renewed, the permittee must have a valid 2020-2021 California Commercial Fishing License.
- ✓ Enclose your check or money order, or complete and sign the enclosed Credit Card Authorization Form.

### 2021-2022 Renewal Deadline and Late Fees

The deadline to renew 2021-2022 Pacific Herring Permits will change to April 30, 2021, to coincide with the renewal deadline for other commercial fishing permits. For the 2021-2022 license year, late fees will be assessed beginning May 1, 2021.