



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DECLARATION OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT ACTION MODIFICATION IN THE
COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY**

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 8276.1(b) and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 132.8 ("Section 132.8"), I find and declare that:

I

On January 15, 2021 I evaluated entanglement risk for the commercial Dungeness crab fishery pursuant to Section 132.8(b). I provided the California Dungeness Crab Fishing Gear Working Group (Working Group) and the Whale Safe Fisheries email listserv with notice of the risk assessment and all non-confidential data under consideration on January 12, 2021. Prior to this risk assessment and management response, I considered the Working Group's January 14, 2021 management recommendation, and other relevant information provided to my staff.

II

At this time, neither confirmed entanglement data nor marine life concentration data require management response pursuant to Section 132.8(c). Available data can be found at the Department's [Whale Safe Fisheries website](#).

III

The commercial Dungeness crab fishery is currently operating under a Fishing Advisory pursuant to my December 11, 2020 declaration. Section 132.8(b)(4) requires that when the triggers in 132.8(c) are no longer met, I must lift or modify any fishing restrictions in a manner that promotes fair and orderly fisheries.

IV

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 8276.1(b) and Section 132.8 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, I am lifting the Fishing Advisory. Therefore, no management restrictions apply to the commercial Dungeness crab fishery.

The next risk assessment is expected to occur on or around February 16, 2021. Updates and material regarding future entanglement risk evaluations in the commercial Dungeness crab fishery will be made available on the Department's [Whale Safe Fisheries website](#).



Charlton H. Bonham, Director

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Date/Time