

CALIFORNIA DUNGENESS CRAB FISHING GEAR WORKING GROUP

September 2021-August 2022 Work Plan

This work plan has been developed to guide the activities of the California Dungeness Crab Fishing Gear Working Group (Working Group or WG) for the period mentioned above. Tasks and timelines are subject to change. For additional information on CDFW's Whale Safe Fisheries program, visit [CDFW's Whale Safe Fisheries webpage](#). For additional information on the Working Group, visit the [Working Group's webpage](#).

Identified Tasks/Priorities with resources and leads

Category	Task/Item	When	Who
Annual Meeting	Onboarding new participants	September	CDFW
Annual Meeting	Meeting Planning	September	WG, CDFW
Annual Meeting	Charter Updates	Sept/Oct	CDFW, WG, OPC, NMFS, USCG
Annual Meeting	Work Plan Development	October	WG, CDFW
Annual Meeting	Risk Assessment Process Review	October	CDFW
Annual Meeting	Project Team Review	October	CDFW, WG
Annual Meeting	Gear Innovations	October	NMFS, WG
Annual Meeting	2021-22 Best Practices Guide	Sept/Oct	CDFW, WG
Conservation Plan/Incidental Take Permit	Public Release of Updated Draft CP	Nov	CDFW
Conservation Plan/Incidental Take Permit	Review and comment on CP	Nov/Dec	WG
Conservation Plan/Incidental Take Permit	Revise draft CP	Jan/Feb	CDFW
Conservation Plan/Incidental Take Permit	Submit draft CP and ITP application	March	CDFW
RAMP Implementation	Data Requests	Oct-June	CDFW, Advisors

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RAMP Implementation	Initial Assessment and Recommendation Development	Oct-June	CDFW
RAMP Implementation	Working Group Recommendation	Oct-June	WG
RAMP Implementation	Management Action Implementation	Oct-June	CDFW, Director
RAMP Implementation	Electronic Monitoring	2023-24	CDFW
RAMP Implementation	Focused discussions re: unidentified fishing gear entanglements	Oct-June	CDFW, WG, Advisors
RAMP Implementation	2021-22 season debrief	Summer	CDFW, WG
RAMP 2.0	Review and Input	TBD – spring/summer 2022	CDFW, WG
Data Project Team	Develop scope of work regarding economic impacts to the Dungeness crab fishery from RAMP implementation	Oct/Nov 2021	Susan (Lead)
Data Project Team	Presentation on 2020-21 pilot vessel survey program, initial	Fall/winter 2021	Jon Gonzales (former Lead), Jenn
Gear Innovations Project Team	Initial planning meeting regarding efforts this season, develop more specific task list	October 2021	Geoff and David (Co-leads)
Gear Innovations Project Team	Hub for information exchange across gear testing efforts	Ongoing	Geoff and David (Co-leads)

Tasks or Priorities that need resources and/or leads

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Data Project Team	Implement vessel survey program	TBD	TBD
Data Project Team	Expand understanding of recreational sector operations, provide input to CDFW on a survey to capture needed information	TBD	TBD