



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (DEPARTMENT)
DECLARATION OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT ACTION MODIFICATION IN THE
COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL 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”) Section 29.80(c)(7) (“Section 29.80(c)(7)”), I find and declare that:

I

On January 18, 2022, 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, 2022. Prior to this risk assessment and management response, I considered relevant information provided to my staff. The Working Group did not provide a written recommendation, but did express agreement with the staff recommendation during its January 14, 2022 meeting.

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 and recreational Dungeness crab fisheries are currently operating under a Fishing Advisory pursuant to my December 15, 2021 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. Similarly, Section 28.80(c)(7)(B)(2) requires that I lift or modify the recreational Dungeness crab season delay as appropriate.

IV

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 8276.1(b) and Sections 132.8 and 28.80(c) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, I am lifting the Fishing Advisory for both the commercial and recreational Dungeness crab fisheries. No management restrictions currently apply to the commercial or recreational fisheries.

The next risk assessment is expected to occur on or around February 15, 2022. 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 web page](#).

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