



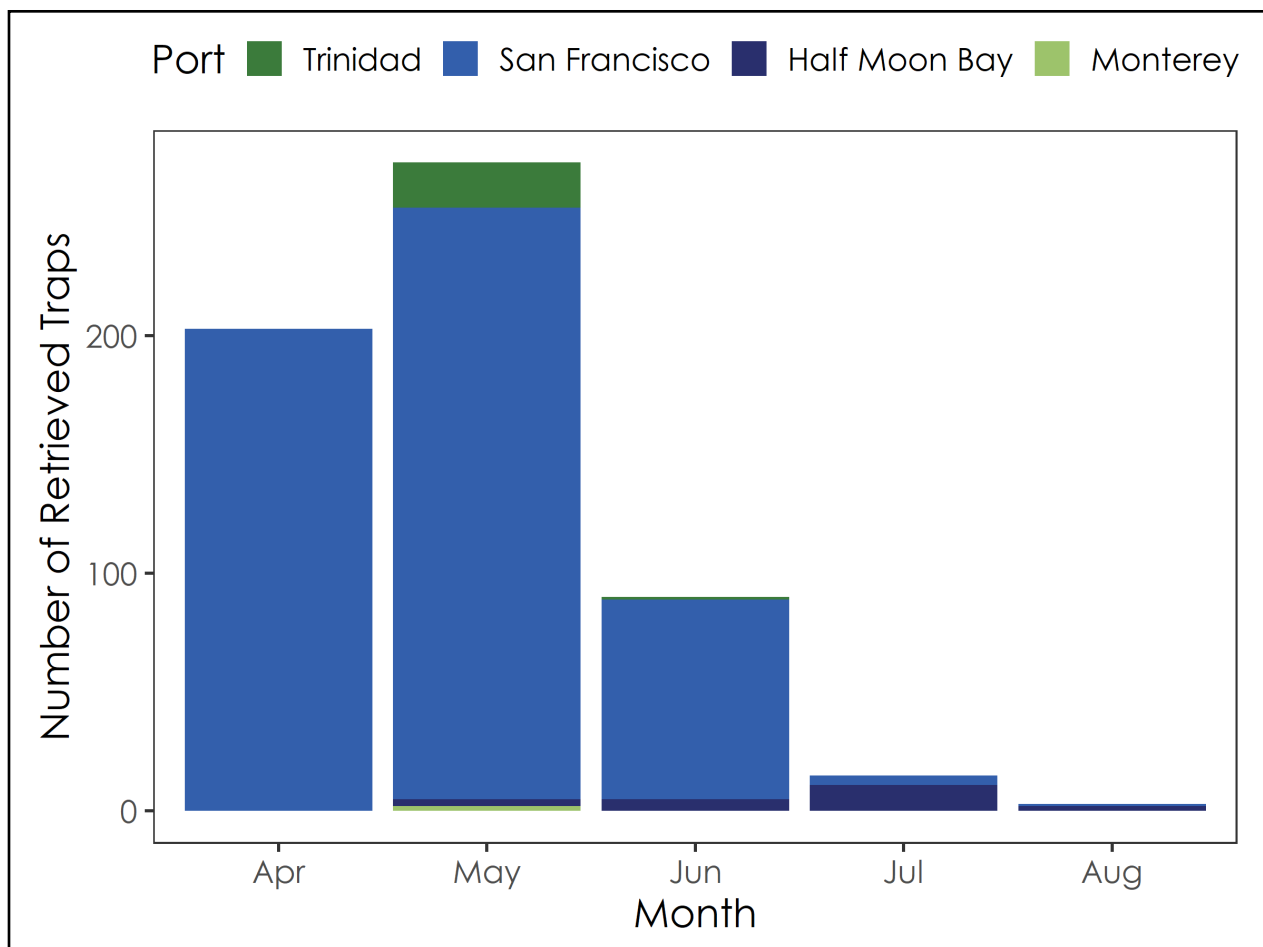
Lost or Abandoned Commercial Dungeness Crab Trap Gear Retrieval During 2022

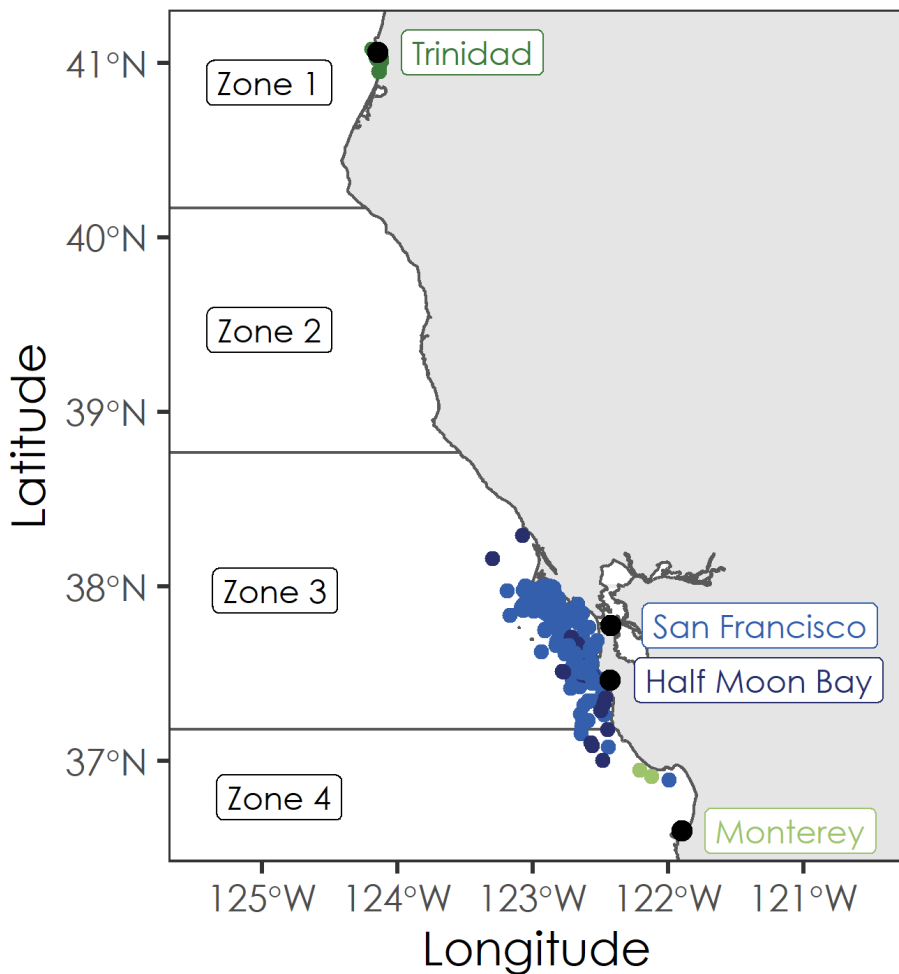
Recovery of lost or abandoned commercial Dungeness crab gear is an important strategy to reduce marine life entanglement risk. Retrieval can occur either through the formal CDFW Trap Gear Retrieval Program or through voluntary efforts by the Dungeness crab fishery. Available information regarding both types of gear recovery operations during 2022 is provided below.

CDFW Trap Gear Retrieval Program

Program Overview

The CDFW Trap Gear Retrieval Program was established in September 2019 (§132.7, Title 14, CCR). Under the program, CDFW issues permits to qualified entities (Retrieval Permittees) who oversee removal of lost or abandoned commercial Dungeness crab gear by commercial trap fishermen (Designated Retrievers). If reasonable compensation cannot be negotiated with the original owner, the Retrieval Permittee keeps the gear and may request reimbursement from CDFW. CDFW costs are covered by a per-trap fee paid by the original owner. All retrieval activities are documented on a logbook submitted to CDFW.





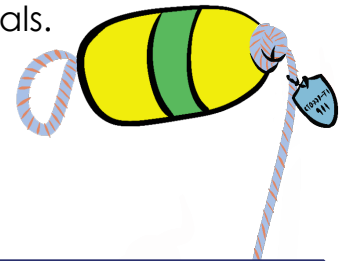
Gear was retrieved under four of the five issued permits, with most gear retrieved out of San Francisco (541 traps). Confirmed locations of retrieved gear are shown in the map to the left.

Totals by RAMP Fishing Zone were:

- Fishing Zone 1: 20 traps
- Fishing Zone 3: 546 traps
- Fishing Zone 4: 10 traps

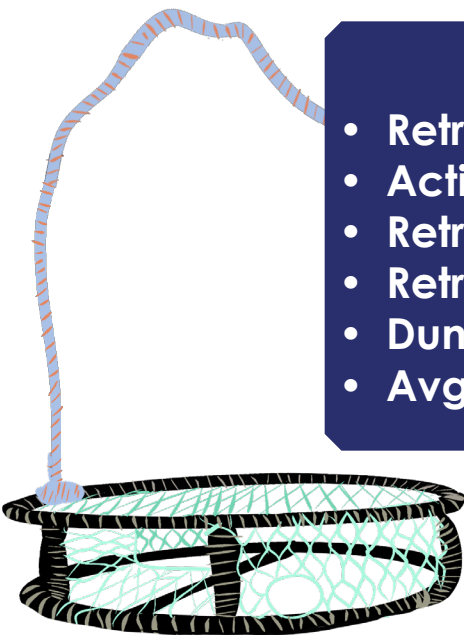
No gear was recovered under the Crescent City permit.

Due to incomplete information, some traps are not included in the above totals.



By The Numbers

- Retrieval Permits Issued: 5
- Active Designated Retrievers: 9
- Retrieval Trips: 30
- Retrieved Traps: 584
- Dungeness crab vessels with retrieved traps: 109
- Avg. traps per Dungeness crab vessel: 5.3



Voluntary Retrieval Efforts

§132.2, Title 14, CCR also allows for recovery of lost or abandoned commercial Dungeness crab gear by commercial Dungeness crab vessels. Unlike the CDFW program, compensation is not guaranteed. While there is no formal logbook requirement, CDFW encourages all individuals conducting retrieval under §132.2 to share the amount and location of any recovered gear with so they can be incorporated into annual totals. In 2022, CDFW received reports of an additional 215 traps recovered near Trinidad.