

CALIFORNIA DUNGENESS CRAB FISHING GEAR WORKING GROUP

The California Dungeness Crab Fishing Gear Working Group (Working Group) is an advisory body to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Director to address the risk of whale entanglements in commercial Dungeness crab fishing gear.

There are four categories of Working Group participants: Members, Advisors, Alternates, and Agency Staff. Additional information about the role of each participant category can be found in [the Working Group's current charter](#).

For additional information about the Working Group's charge and related activities, visit [the Working Group's webpage](#).

WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Working Group Members are appointed by the CDFW Marine Region Manager and include commercial and recreational fishermen and industry representatives, environmental organization representatives, and agency staff.

- Richard Axelson *California Coast Crab Association*
- Ryan Bartling *California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Region*
- George Bradshaw *Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations*
- Joe Cincotta *Processor*
- Michael Cohen *Commercial Fishing (Port San Luis/Morro Bay)*
- Lisa Damrosch *Commercial fishing/processor (Half Moon Bay)*
- Shawn Flading *Commercial fishing (San Francisco)*
- Kathi George *CA Whale Rescue/The Marine Mammal Center*
- Andy Guiliano *Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel (San Francisco)*
- Gerry Hemmingsen *Commercial Fishing (Crescent City)*
- Jenn Humberstone *The Nature Conservancy*
- Travis Hunter *Commercial Fishing (Eureka)*
- David Kasheta *Recreational fishery*
- Dan Lawson *National Marine Fisheries Service, West Coast Region*
- Brand Little *Gear Innovation*
- Lori Mazzuca *United States Coast Guard*
- Tim Obert *Commercial Fishing (Santa Cruz)*
- Dick Ogg *Commercial fishing (Bodega Bay)*
- Susan Rotwein *Commercial Fishing (Trinidad)*
- Lauren Saez *National Marine Fisheries Service, West Coast Region*
- Geoff Shester *Oceana*
- Andrea Treece *EarthJustice*

WORKING GROUP ADVISORS

Working Group Advisors are appointed by the CDFW Marine Region Manager and include whale and sea turtle experts, members of the entanglement response network, legislative and agency staff, data analysts, and other individuals with relevant expertise.

- TBD, *Ocean Protection Council*
- Scott Benson *National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center*
- John Calambokidis *Cascadia Research*
- Pieter Folkens *Large Whale Entanglement Response Network*
- Karin Forney *National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center*
- Amanda Gladics *Oregon Whale Working Group*
- Jon Gonzalez *California Coastal Crab Association*
- Karen Grimmer *Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary*
- Dennis Heinemann *Marine Mammal Commission*
- Jaime Jahncke *Point Blue Conservation Science*
- Nazare Jones *United States Coast Guard*
- Jess Morten, *California Marine Sanctuary Foundation & Affiliate with NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries*
- Chris Nielson *Consultant to the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture, Chaired by Senator Mike McGuire*
- Fran Recht *Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission/Washington Whales Working Group*
- Jarrod Santora *National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center*

WORKING GROUP AGENCY PARTICIPANTS

The Working Group is supported by staff from multiple state and federal agencies. Agency staff who serve as Working Group Members or Advisors are reflected in the appropriate list above. Additional staff who provide support are identified below.

- Lindsay Caldwell *California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Region*
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