

CALIFORNIA DUNGENESS CRAB FISHING GEAR WORKING GROUP

Key Priorities

The key priorities document has been developed to guide the activities of the California Dungeness Crab Fishing Gear Working Group (Working Group or WG). 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](#).

Category	Task/Item	When	Lead	Priority
General	Charter Updates	Every 2-3 years	CDFW, WG	Low
Conservation Plan/Incidental Take Permit	Submit draft Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit application	December 2023	CDFW	High
RAMP Implementation	Management Action Implementation	Oct-June annually	CDFW	High
RAMP Implementation	Electronic Monitoring	Start of 2023-24 season	CDFW	High
RAMP Implementation	Focused discussions re: unidentified fishing gear entanglements	Oct-June annually	CDFW	High
RAMP 2.0	Review and Input	TBD – spring/summer 2024	CDFW	High
Data Project Team	Develop scope of work regarding economic impacts to the Dungeness crab fishery from RAMP implementation	TBD	Susan (Lead)	Medium
Data Project Team	Implement vessel survey program	In progress	Jenn H/Jon G	Medium
Data Project Team	Expand understanding of recreational sector	TBD	CDFW	Medium

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	operations, provide input to CDFW on a survey to capture needed information			
Gear Innovation Project Team	Fishermen Knowledge Exchange Event	Spring 2024	Karen G, Geoff S, and Greg Wells	Medium
Gear Innovation Project Team	Inform EFP testing to support Alt Gear authorization	Spring 2025	Geoff S & Brand L	High