



## CALIFORNIA DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY

### INDUSTRY NOTICE

January 10, 2024

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is providing notice on the process for reporting and replacing broken commercial Dungeness crab buoy tags issued for the 2023-25 biennial period.

1. If you have broken buoy tags this season, fill out an [In-Season Replacement Dungeness Crab Buoy Tag Affidavit](#) (DFW 1303) and mail it with the broken tags to the License and Revenue Branch (LRB). Include the broken tag serial sequence number(s) in any blank space on the form.

Example:

Number of replacement buoy tags requested	<input type="text" value="3"/>	Broken tags: 007, 010, 025
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2. To expedite the replacement of broken buoy tags, you may email photos of broken tags with the permit and serial sequence numbers visible to [LRBCOMM@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRBCOMM@wildlife.ca.gov). You will also need to mail in the broken tag(s) with the completed DFW 1303 to receive your replacement tag(s). You will not be required to pay for the replacement of any broken tags.

For lost or destroyed (not broken) tags, please fill out a separate DFW 1303 and submit it with the required fee.

It is the responsibility of the vessel operator to ensure every crab trap on board or fished from a permitted Dungeness crab vessel has the required crab trap tag attached pursuant to Section 132.1(a), Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), each trap is marked with a buoy, and a Department-issued biennial buoy tag is affixed to each main buoy pursuant to Section 132.1(b), Title 14, CCR.

Please contact [LRBCOMM@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRBCOMM@wildlife.ca.gov) or (916) 928-5822 with any questions regarding this notice.