

Emergency Regulatory Language

Section 132.2, Title 14, CCR, is amended as follows:

§ 132.2. Retrieval of Commercial Dungeness Crab Traps.

(a) Permitted Dungeness crab vessels shall not possess, use, control, or operate any commercial Dungeness crab trap without a buoy tag assigned to that vessel except:

(1) To set gear as allowed under Section 8280.7 of the Fish and Game Code; or

(2) ~~To~~ Notwithstanding Fish and Game Code Section 9002, to retrieve from the ocean and transport to shore another permitted Dungeness crab vessel's commercial Dungeness crab trap that is lost, damaged, abandoned, or otherwise derelict, provided that:

(A) No more than six (6) derelict commercial Dungeness crab traps may be retrieved per fishing trip.

(B) The retrieving vessel shall return to the ocean waters immediately any crab found in a retrieved commercial Dungeness crab trap.

(C) Immediately upon retrieval of a commercial Dungeness crab trap the retrieving vessel operator shall document in the retrieving vessel's log the date and time of the trap retrieval, number of retrieved Dungeness crab traps, the location of the retrieval, and any tag information or buoy markings present on the retrieved trap.

(D) Any retrieved commercial Dungeness crab trap shall be transported to shore during the same fishing trip that retrieval took place.

(E) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2)(A), from July 16 through October 31 or as authorized by the Director during a fishery closure pursuant to Section 132.8, an unlimited number of commercial Dungeness crab traps may be retrieved per fishing trip and transported to shore during the same fishing trip.

. . . *[No changes to subsections (b) and (c)]*

Authority cited: Sections 8276.5 and 9002.5, Fish and Game Code.

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