



Commercial Coonstripe Shrimp Fishery Management

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Marine Resources Committee
CA Fish and Game Commission

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Fishery Background

- First significant landings in 1996
- Longline trap gear
- Most effort in Crescent City and San Francisco/ Monterey Bay Area
- Historically less than 10 vessels; growth recently





Fishery Background (cont.)

- Open access; vessel trap permit required
- Open season May 1-October 31
- Control date of November 1, 2001
- No limits on gear





Whale Entanglements

- July 2017*
- July 2024
- Sept 2024
- May 2025



**2 sets of gear involved; sablefish pot was primary gear*



Emergency Regulations – Feb 2025

- Created 2 Management Areas – North/South of Sonoma/Mendocino County line

Requirement	Northern Fishery	Southern Fishery
Vertical Lines	180	60
Traps per Groundline	15	40
Maximum Depth	30 fathoms (180 feet)	None

- Established new control date of February 13, 2025



Standard Rulemaking



Summary of Proposed Regulations

Protection Type	Emergency Regulation	Standard Rulemaking
Season	May 1-Oct 31	North: May 15-Oct 31 South: No change
Fishery Participation	Unrestricted	No change
Control Date	Feb 13, 2025	No change
Management Areas	2	No change
Vertical Line Limit	North: 180 South: 60	No change
Traps/String Limit	North: 15 South: 40	No change
Depth Restriction	North: 30 fathom South: n/a	No change



New Additions to Rulemaking

Protection Type	Emergency Regulation	Standard Rulemaking
Trap Set and Bait Time	Noon on April 30th	6am day prior to opening
Ropeless fishing gear	n/a	Allowance for voluntary use
Electronic monitoring	n/a	Requirement for ropeless gear
Surface Gear	n/a	Limit length of surface line
Fishing Activity Report	n/a	Require data collection



Other Changes for Consideration

- Surface gear
 - Implement maximum buoy size
- Trap destruction device
 - Remove 5" escape hatch





Long Term Considerations

- Fishery Participation
 - Gear endorsement for vertical line use
- Management Areas
 - Increase number of areas
- Hot Spot Areas
 - Explore areas of high entanglement risk
- Ropeless Gear
 - Identify future date to require 100% ropeless gear in south
 - Requirement for new participants to use ropeless gear



Outreach

- Tribal Outreach: December 2024
- Emergency rulemaking meetings
 - November 5, 2024 (San Francisco)
 - November 13, 2024 (Crescent City)
- Public meeting: April 23, 2025 (Santa Rosa)
- Fleet meeting: June 6, 2025 (Virtual)
- Tribal Outreach: July 2025



Regulatory Timeline

Meeting	Date
Marine Resources Committee	July 16, 2025
FGC Notice Hearing	October 9, 2025
FGC Adoption Hearing	December 11, 2025
Regulation Effective Date	By April 30, 2026



Recommendation

- Develop standard rulemaking including:
 - Emergency rulemaking elements (and proposed updates)
 - New additions
- Continue discussions on buoy size and trap destruction device requirements for possible inclusion

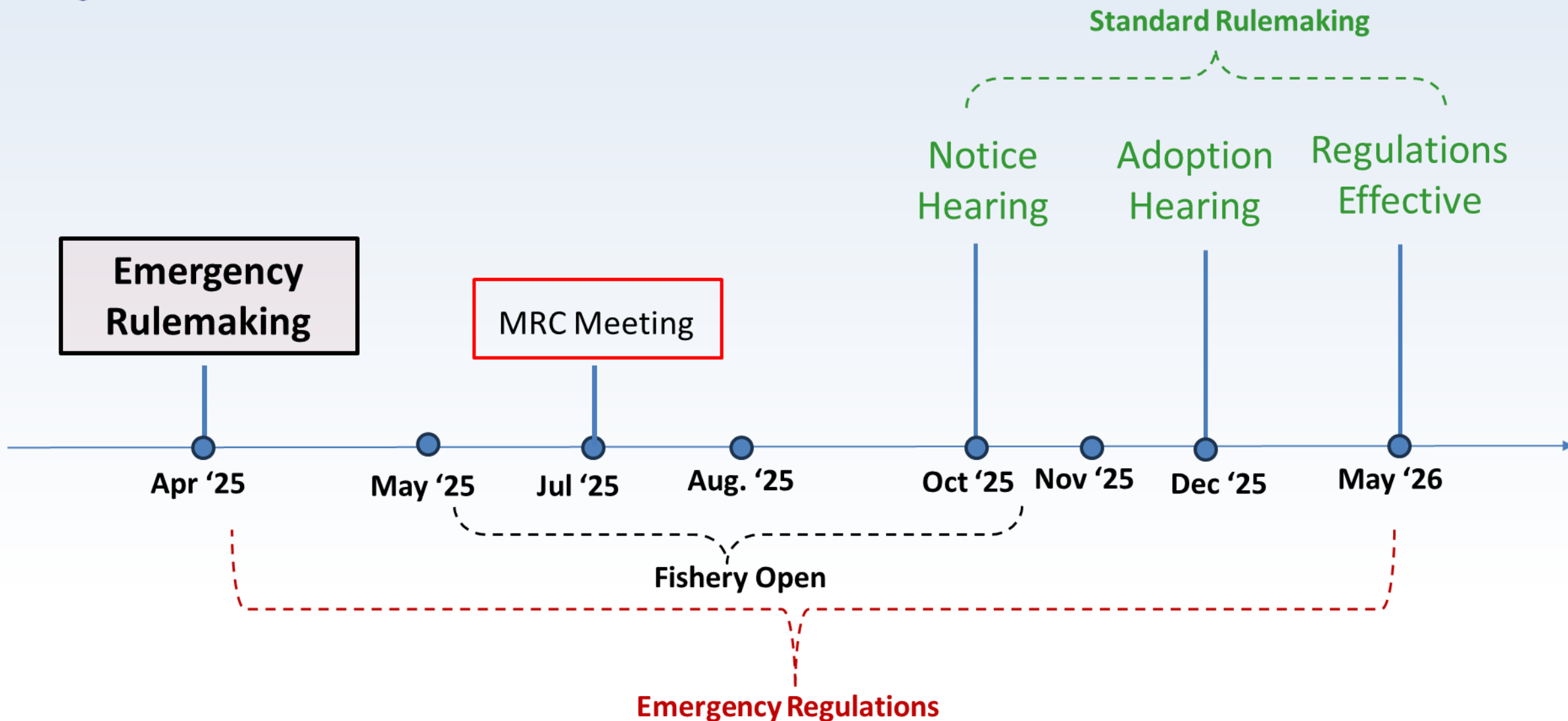
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Rulemaking Timeline





Fishery Background

Pounds Landed by Port Area						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CRESCENT CITY	99,319	91,545	101,056	74,286	74,562	78,138
SF/MRY	0	*	*	*	47,464	62,591

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Fishery Background (Vessel/Port)

Number of Vessels by Port Area

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CRESCENT CITY	7	6	5	6	6	6
SF/MRY	0	*	*	*	7	9

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