

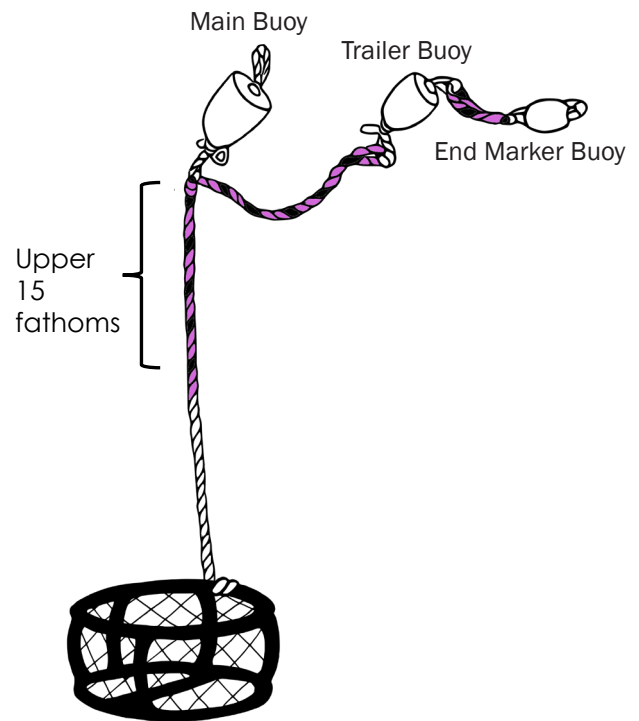


# COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB LINE MARKING INFORMATION

Effective for the 2025-26 season, dual-colored purple and black line will be required for ALL surface line between buoys, including trailer and end marker buoy lines (see Section 132.6 Title 14, CCR for buoy regulations). Buoy gangions are exempt from surface line marking requirements. Beginning with the 2026-27 season, the upper 15 fathoms of the vertical lines will need to be marked as described below. Only California Commercial Dungeness crab traps are allowed to use purple and black line.

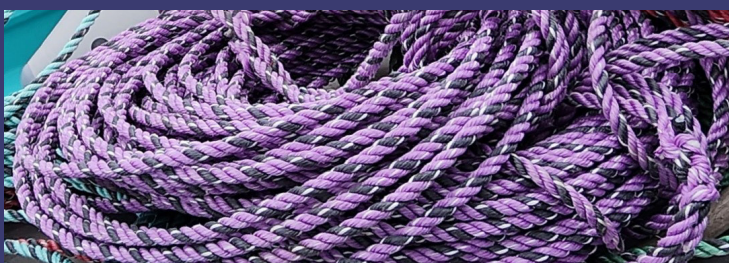
## Timeline for marking surface line and 15 fathoms of vertical line

- **2025 - 2026 Season**  
All surface lines must be marked
- **2026 - 2027 Season**  
Upper 15 fathoms of 25% of deployed gear and all surface lines must be marked
- **2027- 2028 Season**  
Upper 15 fathoms of 50% of deployed gear and all surface lines must be marked
- **2028 - 2029 Season**  
Upper 15 fathoms of 100% of deployed gear and all surface lines must be marked



## 20 Fathom Exemption

Up to five fathoms of the line closest to the crab pot may be any color, including when fishing with less than 20 fathoms of total line.



## Types of Marked Line

Individuals have the option to either buy manufactured marked line or paint existing lines. Manufactured line must have two strands of purple line and one strand of black line. Painted line must be painted in alternating solid color marks of 6-12 inches in length and cover the entirety (circumference) of the line.