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Notice of Receipt of Major Amendment Request for Longlining of Traditional Gear for Dungeness Crab (Commission Tracking #2023-04)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1022 of the California Fish and Game Code and Section 91 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), on January 8, 2026 the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) notified the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) of an accepted major amendment request for a previously-issued experimental fishing permit (EFP). The EFP holder is requesting a major amendment to their existing EFP (Commission tracking ID #2023-04), which was initially approved by the Commission on February 13, 2025.

Subsection 91(k)(2), Title 14, CCR allows an EFP holder to request amendments to their EFP. Amendments which exceed the allowances placed on the permit by the Commission constitute a “major amendment” and are subject to the same Department review, public notice, Commission action, and Department issuance procedures as a new application (subsections 91(d)(2) through (g), Title 14, CCR). This is the first major amendment request for this EFP.

The EFP holder has requested four changes to the terms and conditions of their currently issued EFP:

1. Increase the maximum number of traps per vessel from 160 to the vessel's permitted tier;
2. Increase the maximum number of traps per string (i.e., connected by a common groundline) from 20 to 25;
3. Increase the total number of authorized agents and vessels from 40 to 120; and
4. Ensure the ability to transit through marine protected areas.

Pursuant to subsection 91(d)(2), Title 14, CCR, the Department will provide a recommendation to the Commission concerning the requested major amendment, including any proposed special conditions. As soon as the Department's recommendation is available, and at least 30 days before the hearing on this application, a notice will be published on the Commission's website at <https://fgc.ca.gov/EFP> and sent to interested individuals providing information on the opportunity for public comment.

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Written comments and information on matters addressed in this notice may be submitted to Owen Mulvey-McFerron, EFP Coordinator for the Department, at EFP@wildlife.ca.gov.

Please visit www.fgc.ca.gov for additional information.

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