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California Fish and Game Commission
Notice of Receipt of an Experimental Fishing Permit Application

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1022 of the California Fish and Game Code and Section 91, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), on November 3, 2026 the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) transmitted an accepted experimental fishing permit (EFP) application to the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission).

The application was submitted to the Department for a Tier 2 EFP with a permit fee reduction to collect information on the compatibility of authorized alternative gear (pursuant to subsection 132.8(i), Title 14, CCR) and traditional commercial Dungeness crab gear in overlapping spatial and temporal periods. Fishing is proposed to occur in Fishing Zones 1-5 (California/Oregon border to Point Conception) during the spring transitional Dungeness crab season, beginning on April 1 and extending until a fishery closure is declared. The proposed project would allow up to forty authorized agents on up to forty authorized vessels to participate in an experimental fishery targeting Dungeness crab (*Metacarcinus magister*).

The Department's preliminary review indicates that the applicant requests an exemption from Fish and Game Code Section 132.8, subdivision (e)(4). During its technical evaluation, the Department will determine if other exemptions may be necessary.

Pursuant to subsection 91(d)(2), Title 14, CCR, the Department will provide a recommendation to the Commission, including any proposed special conditions. As soon as the Department's recommendation is available, but not less than 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.

Written comments and information on matters addressed in this notice and relevant to the Department's technical review of the accepted application may be submitted to Owen Mulvey-McFerron, Department EFP Coordinator, at EFP@wildlife.ca.gov.

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

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