



SOUTHERN ROCK CRAB TRAP PERMIT TRANSFER PROVISIONS

IMPORTANT DATE TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR 2025-2026 PERMIT YEAR

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's License and Revenue Branch will begin accepting requests to transfer Southern Rock Crab Trap Permits (SRCTP) for the 2025-2026 permit year **on or after April 1, 2025**. CDFW cannot accept SRCTP transfer applications received prior to the first date of the permit year.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Section 125(e), the SRCTP permit holder may apply to transfer the SRCTP to another person, who is a licensed California commercial fisher, subject to the following conditions.

APPLYING TO TRANSFER A SOUTHERN ROCK CRAB TRAP PERMIT

The following items must be submitted with the transfer request.

- A notarized letter from the permit holder requesting to transfer the SRCTP, which identifies the transferee.
- A copy or the original 2025-2026 SRCTP.
- A copy of the transferee's 2025-2026 California Commercial Fishing License.
- A copy of the transferee's 2025-2026 Commercial Trap Permit.
- Nonrefundable transfer fee of \$1000.

NOTE: No more than five (5) southern rock crab trap permits shall be transferred by the Department during each permit year (April 1- March 31). Applications shall be processed in the order received in a permit year, pursuant to CCR, Title 14, Section 125(e)(3).

Instructions for Transfer of Permit Upon Death of Permit Holder

In the event of the death of the permit holder, the estate of the holder of a SRCTP may renew that permit if needed to keep it valid. The estate of the decedent may transfer the SRCTP no later than two years from the date of the death of the permit holder as listed on the death certificate, pursuant to CCR, Title 14, Section 125(e)(4).

The estate must submit the following with the request:

- A notarized written request that identifies the deceased permit holder and the transferee. The request must be received no later than two years from the date of the death of the permit holder as listed on the permit holder's death certificate.
- A copy of the permit holder's death certificate.
- A copy of a court document naming the executor of the estate.
- The deceased's original 2025-2026 SRCTP
- A copy of the transferee's 2025-2026 California Commercial Fishing License.
- A copy of the transferee's 2025-2026 Commercial Trap Permit.
- Nonrefundable transfer fee of \$1000.

SRCTPs shall expire if the permit is not transferred by the end of the two-year period, pursuant to CCR, Title 14, Section 125(f)(5).

Department's Evaluation time for a transfer of a SRCTP

Evaluation of the transfer request should be completed within 20 business days after receipt by the License and Revenue Branch provided additional documentation is not required. If approved, a letter authorizing the transfer will be sent to the permittee and the reissued SRCTP will be mailed to the transferee to complete the transfer process.

Mail documents and transfer fee to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
License and Revenue Branch
Attn: Commercial Limited Entry Permit
PO Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2090

When using mail carrier services other than USPS (e.g., FedEx, UPS, OnTrac, etc.), request CDFW's physical mailing address by contacting the License and Revenue Branch at (916) 928-5822 or LRBCOMM@wildlife.ca.gov.

Title 14, California Code of Regulations Excerpts

§125. Commercial Rock Crab Permits

(e) Transferable Southern Rock Crab Trap Permit Issuance.

(1) 30 calendar days after the effective date of these regulations, each individual possessing a valid southern rock crab trap permit that has not been suspended or revoked shall have his or her permit designated by the department as a transferable southern rock crab trap permit. The permit holder may apply to transfer that permit to another person who possesses a valid commercial fishing license issued pursuant to Section 7852 of the Fish and Game Code that has not been suspended or revoked, and a valid general trap permit issued pursuant to Section 9001 of the Fish and Game Code that has not been suspended or revoked. Transfer applications shall be completed by the permit holder, or the estate of a deceased permit holder.

(2) The application to transfer a southern rock crab trap permit shall be in the form of a notarized letter from the existing permit holder or the permit holder's estate that identifies the transferee, and shall include the original or a copy of the transferable southern rock crab trap permit, a copy of the transferee's commercial fishing license and general trap permit, and the permit transfer fee specified in Section 705. The application shall be submitted to the department's License and Revenue Branch, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244. Subject to the limitations described in subsection (e)(3), each eligible transferee shall be issued a southern rock crab trap permit that is valid for the remainder of the current permit year. The transferee may renew the southern rock crab trap permit in subsequent years pursuant to subsection (f).

(3) Not more than five (5) southern rock crab trap permits shall be transferred by the department during each permit year (April 1-March 31). Applications shall be processed in the order received in a permit year. Applications and transfer fees received after the annual limit of five (5) permit transfers has been reached shall be returned to the applicants. Applicants may resubmit their application on or after the first day of the following permit year for consideration. If on any given day the number of applications received is greater than the number of available transfers, the department shall conduct a manual drawing to determine which application(s) shall be processed.

(4) The transfer limit imposed by this subsection shall not apply in the event of the death of a permit holder. The estate of the decedent may transfer the valid permit pursuant to subsection (e)(2) not later than two (2) years from the date of death of the permit holder as stated on the death certificate.

(f) Southern Rock Crab Trap Permit Renewal.

(1) Southern rock crab trap permits shall be renewed annually.

(2) An individual is eligible to apply for renewal of a southern rock crab trap permit if he or she meets the following criteria:

(A) The individual is a licensed commercial fisherman;

(B) The individual possesses a valid general trap permit issued pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 9001 that has not been suspended or revoked; and

(C) The individual either held a valid southern rock crab trap permit during the immediately preceding permit year, or was issued a transferable southern rock crab trap permit pursuant to subsection (e).

(3) To apply for a permit, each year eligible individuals shall submit to the department the renewal application indicated in and fee specified in Section 705.

(4) All renewal applications indicated in and fees specified in Section 705 shall be received by the department, or, if mailed, postmarked on or before April 30 of each year. Late fees and late fee deadlines are specified in Fish and Game Code Section 7852.2.

(5) The eligibility requirements imposed by this subsection shall not apply in the event of the death of a permit holder. The estate of the decedent may renew the permit, for the purpose of maintaining its validity, for a period of two (2) years from the date of death of the permit holder as stated on the death certificate by contacting the department's License and Revenue Branch, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244. If by the end of the two (2) year period the permit is not transferred pursuant to subsection (e)(2), the permit shall expire.

§ 705. Commercial Fishing Applications, Permits, Tags and Fees.

(b)(10) Southern Rock Crab Trap Permit Transfer \$1,000.00.

(d) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 699, Title 14, the department shall annually adjust the fees of all licenses, stamps, permits, tags, or other entitlements required by regulations set forth in this section.