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NOTICE OF CALIFORNIA DUNGENESS CRAB VESSEL PERMIT TRAP TIER ALLOCATION

As of the date of this notice, the following is a summary of Dungeness crab pounds for each tier for the window period from November 15, 2003 through July 15, 2008:

TIER	POUNDS	TRAP ALLOCATION	PERMITS	TOTAL TRAPS
1	1,824,099.00-431,626.00	500	55	27,500
2	428,383.00-274,635.50	450	55	24,750
3	272,554.00-191,429.00	400	55	22,000
4	185,924.00-120,293.00	350	55	19,250
5	118,795.00- 72,534.00	300	55	16,500
6	72,090.50- 5,161.30	250	170	42,500
7	4,595.20- 0.00	175	124	21,700
TOTAL			569	174,200

2013-2014 Permit and Fees

When you renew your Dungeness Crab Vessel Permit for the 2013-2014 permit year, the tier allocation will print on your permit. The program requires permitholders to purchase a Biennial Crab Trap Limit Permit and biennial buoy tags. Under proposed regulations, the fee for a Biennial Crab Trap Limit Permit is \$1,000. The fee for each buoy tag is \$5. Fees are not due until the regulations have been approved by the Office of Administrative Law, and filed with the Secretary of State, at which time you will be notified.

Program Adoption

A second notice will be mailed to Dungeness Crab Vessel Permitholders once the regulations are approved by the Office of Administrative Law, and filed with the Secretary of State. The notice will include information about payment of the fee for the Biennial Crab Trap Limit Permit and buoy tags, and the appeal process.

Deadline to Appeal Tier Allocation

If you wish to appeal your tier allocation, a written appeal must be received by March 31, 2014. (Fish and Game Code Section 8276.5(a)(6)). The Director must initiate the appeal process within 12 months of receiving an appeal request. Appeals to revise upward a tier allocation will be heard and decided by an Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings. Appeals to revise downward a tier allocation will be decided by the Department.

More Information

More information regarding the California Dungeness Crab Trap Limit Program may be found at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/invertebrate/traplimit.asp>.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Ms. Ruth Flores, of my staff, at the letterhead address, by telephone at (916) 928-7470, or e-mail Ruth.Flores@wildlife.ca.gov.