

DUNGENESS CRAB



Regulation Changes for the Recreational Crab Fishery

Attention
NEW
Sport Crab
Regulations



Crab Trap Restrictions

To reduce marine life entanglement risk, recreational crab traps may be restricted and public notice will be provided a minimum of 5 days in advance of the scheduled Dungeness crab season or before a closure becomes effective. Please visit the Whale Safe Fisheries web page for more information and to join CDFW's email list:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Whale-Safe-Fisheries>

Reminder: ALL crab traps must be removed 7 days prior to the Dungeness crab season opener.

Gear Marking Requirements

All crab traps must be marked with specific sized buoys. The Main Buoy must be at least 5" diameter and 11" in length with an additional Red Marker Buoy that is 3" in diameter and 5" in length, attached to main buoy with 3' of line or less.

9-Day Trap Service

Crab traps must be raised, cleaned and emptied (serviced) at intervals not to exceed 9 days. Gear must be removed when you no longer intend to fish or you are unable to service at least every 9 days.

Trap Limit

Every individual may use up to 10 traps and service 10 additional traps with written permission from the operator of the trap.

Trap Validation Program

Individuals who use a crab trap are required to purchase an annual \$2.42 trap validation this season. This fee does not apply to other methods of take.

For More Information Including
Public Notices on Season Modifications:

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