



# Dungeness Crab Line Marking

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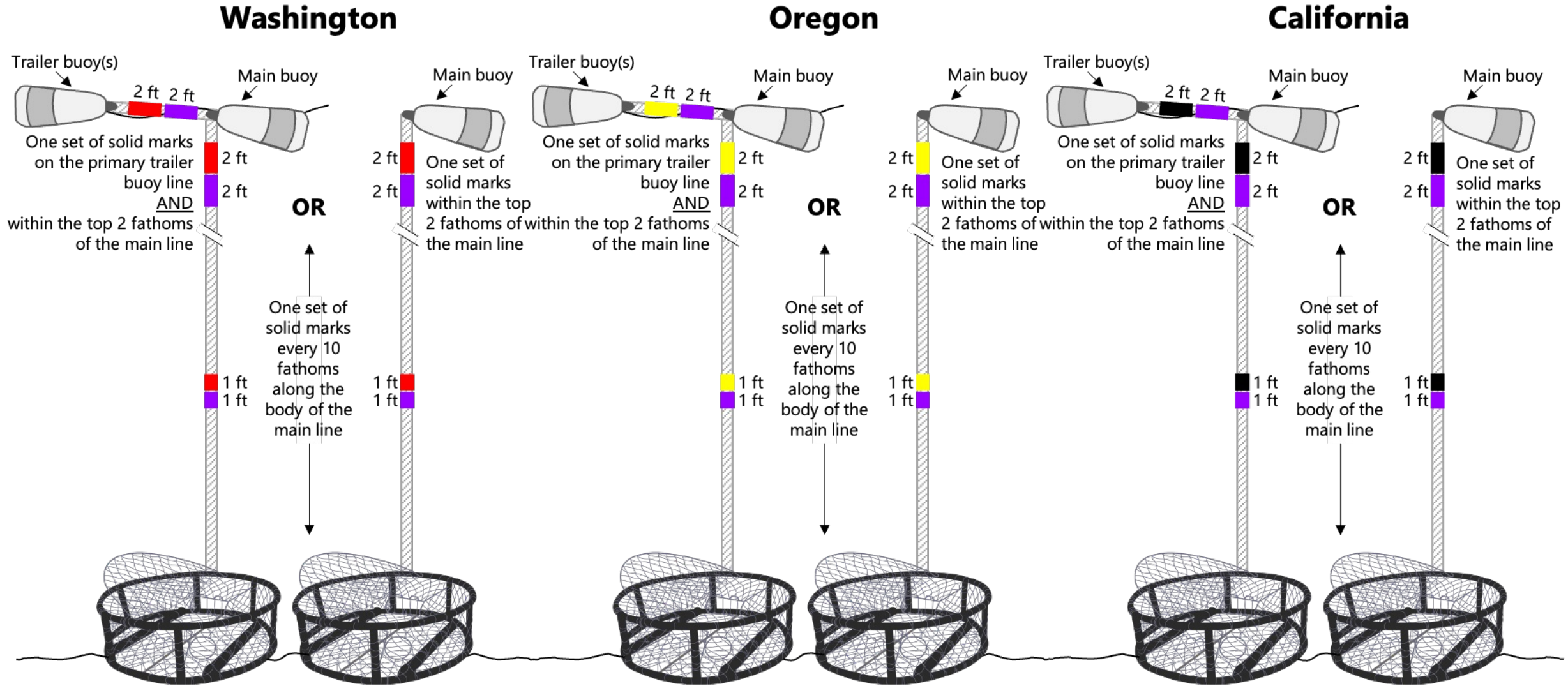
# Purpose of Line Marking



- **Line marking is a tool that can help better identify entanglements to state and fishery origin**
- **Could also be used to exclude or eliminate fisheries from confirmed unknown entanglements through a NMFS determination**
- **Line marking may not always be fail-safe, but it could in time incrementally improve and reduce the likelihood of unknown entanglements being attributed to the Dungeness crab fishery under RAMP**



# Strawman: West Coast Commercial Dungeness Crab Fisheries Line Marking



\*Space between different colored marks should be  $\leq 6$  inches within each set

# Tri-State: Current Line Marking Requirements

Mark specifications	Washington	Oregon	California
Size (12in, 18in, 36in, etc.)	≥12 inches	TBD	TBD
Color	Red	TBD	TBD
Number (1, 2, 3, etc.)	2	TBD	TBD
Placement	≤1 fathom from main buoy & ≤1 fathom from pot	TBD	TBD
Marking technique/type	Not specified/Not necessarily solid	TBD	TBD