

**California Dungeness Crab Fishing Gear Working Group  
2019-20 Risk Assessment and Mitigation Program (RAMP)**

**Conducting a Preseason Risk Assessment Using the RAF  
Tuesday, October 15, 2019 | 10:00am - 3:00pm PT**

*Location: Justice Joseph A. Rattigan Building, 50 D. St, Santa Rosa, 95404 | Room 410*

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*Interested members of the public are invited to attend this working meeting **as listeners only** either in-person or via the conference line. All participants will be required to identify themselves once. A meeting summary will be made available on the Working Group's webpage: <http://www.opc.ca.gov/whale-entanglement-working-group>.*

**Goal:** To conduct a preseason risk assessment, identify if there is elevated entanglement risk, and, if so, develop management recommendations for the CDFW Director's review to inform the start of 2019-20 fishing season.

### **Objectives**

- Using best available information, review priority factors (fishing dynamics, forage/oceanographic conditions, whale concentrations, and entanglements) and assess objective criteria.
- Based on factors and criteria, including thresholds identified in the settlement requirements, identify if there is an elevated relative risk of entanglements. If entanglement risk is elevated, initiate recommendation development process, including management recommendations.
- Confirm risk assessment next steps, including 2019-20 risk assessment process and schedule.
- Building on the Working Group's discussions during the September 26 full Working Group call, continue planning for management measure implementation.

### **Agenda**

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| <b>Review Agenda, Goals, Objectives</b>  | <b>10:00am-10:15am</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Confirm meeting goals, agenda</li><li>● Overview of materials, confirm access</li></ul>  |                        |
| <b>Conduct Preseason Risk Assessment</b>   | <b>10:15am-10:45am</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Review and discuss available information for each factor<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● As available, consider information from 2018-19 postseason</li></ul></li><li>● Identify and confirm indicators of elevated risk relative to objective criteria, including proposed risk levels by factor leads</li></ul> |                        |
| <b>Develop Communications to CDFW Director</b>   | <b>10:45am-12:30pm</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Outline draft memo to CDFW Director sharing outcomes of preseason risk assessment</li><li>● As needed, discuss and develop preseason management recommendations</li></ul>  |                        |
| <b>Roll Call, Working Group</b>  | <b>12:30pm-12:45pm</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Confirm broad understanding and agreement of the discussion</li></ul>  |                        |
| <b>Confirm Risk Assessment Next Steps</b>  | <b>12:45pm-1:00pm</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Confirm 2019-20 risk assessment process and schedule</li><li>● Confirm need for additional external communications (e.g., Dungeness Crab Task Force)</li></ul>   |                        |
| <b>Continued Discussion, Management Measure Implementation</b>   | <b>1:00pm-3:00pm</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Continue to fine-tune strategies for implementing options for 2019-20 management measures</li></ul>  |                        |

### **Adjourn**