

CALIFORNIA DUNGENESS CRAB FISHING GEAR WORKING GROUP

Working Group Members

The California Dungeness Crab Fishing Gear Working Group (Working Group) is an advisory body to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Director to address the risk of whale entanglements in commercial Dungeness crab fishing gear. It is comprised of commercial and recreational fishermen and industry representatives, environmental organization representatives, and members of the disentanglement network. Working Group Members are appointed by the CDFW Marine Region Manager.

For additional information about the Working Group's charge and related activities, visit <http://www.opc.ca.gov/whale-entanglement-working-group/>.

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Vacant Working Group Seats as of September 28, 2020

Monterey Bay, commercial fishing
Fort Bragg, commercial fishing
Out-of-state, commercial fishing
Recreational fishing

To submit a Working Group Member or Advisor recommendation for CDFW consideration, contact WhaleSafeFisheries@wildlife.ca.gov. For additional information about the Working Group, visit <http://www.opc.ca.gov/whale-entanglement-working-group/>.

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Working Group Agencies

The Working Group is supported by agency staff for operations and administrative support and their scientific expertise.

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Working Group Advisors

Working Group Advisors are appointed by the CDFW Marine Region Manager and include whale and turtle experts, legislative and agency staff, data analysts, etc.

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