



# **CDFW RAMP 2.0 UPDATES: DCTF ANNUAL MEETING**

**October 15-16, 2025**

*CDFW*

*Rattigan State Office Building*

*Santa Rosa, CA*

# RAMP 2.0 Updates

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- **Line Marking**
  - 2025-26: All surface gear must use purple/black line
- **Electronic Monitoring**
  - Pings every minute and auto uploads to CDFW
- **Bi-weekly Reporting**
  - 2 new data fields; final report/lost tags
- **Fishing Zone Map Update**
- **Entanglement Evaluation**
  - Modified accounting and season curtailments
- **Alternative Gear Authorization**

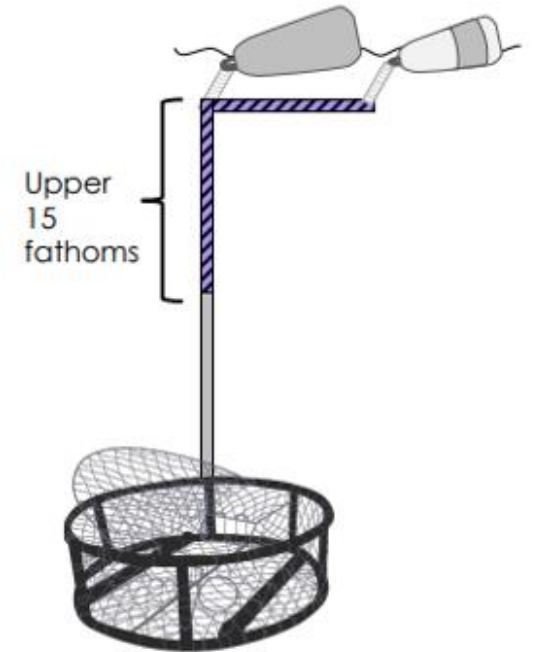


# California Dungeness crab Commercial Line Marking\*

## 2025-26 Season – All surface gear must be marked

- Then, upper 15 fathoms of:
  - 2026-27 Season – 25% of deployed gear
  - 2027-28 Season – 50% of deployed gear
  - 2028-29 Season – 100% of deployed gear
- 20 Fathom Exemption:
  - If using <20 fathoms of line, then 5 fathoms of line from the pot can be any color
- Marked Line can be:
  - Painted: Alternating solid color mark of 6-12 inches in length and cover entirety of line
  - Or manufactured line: must have 2 strands of purple line and 1 strand black

*\*Also, rulemaking for a line marking prohibition in other commercial fisheries is also moving forward.*



# Electronic Monitoring System - RAMP 2.0



## Dungeness crab vessels required to have electronic monitoring equipment that is:

- Cellular- or satellite-based
- Tracking vessel location at a frequency of  $\leq 1$  minute
- Uploading location data automatically to the Department

If data transmission is not functioning, then the vessel shall return to port and the vessel owner shall notify the Department's Law Enforcement Division via [LEDMarineNotifications@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LEDMarineNotifications@wildlife.ca.gov)

**Reminder: GET YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS IN PLACE!!!**  
**(some free units still available)**

# Biweekly Reporting – RAMP 2.0

**When fishing, must submit the following due each report period:**

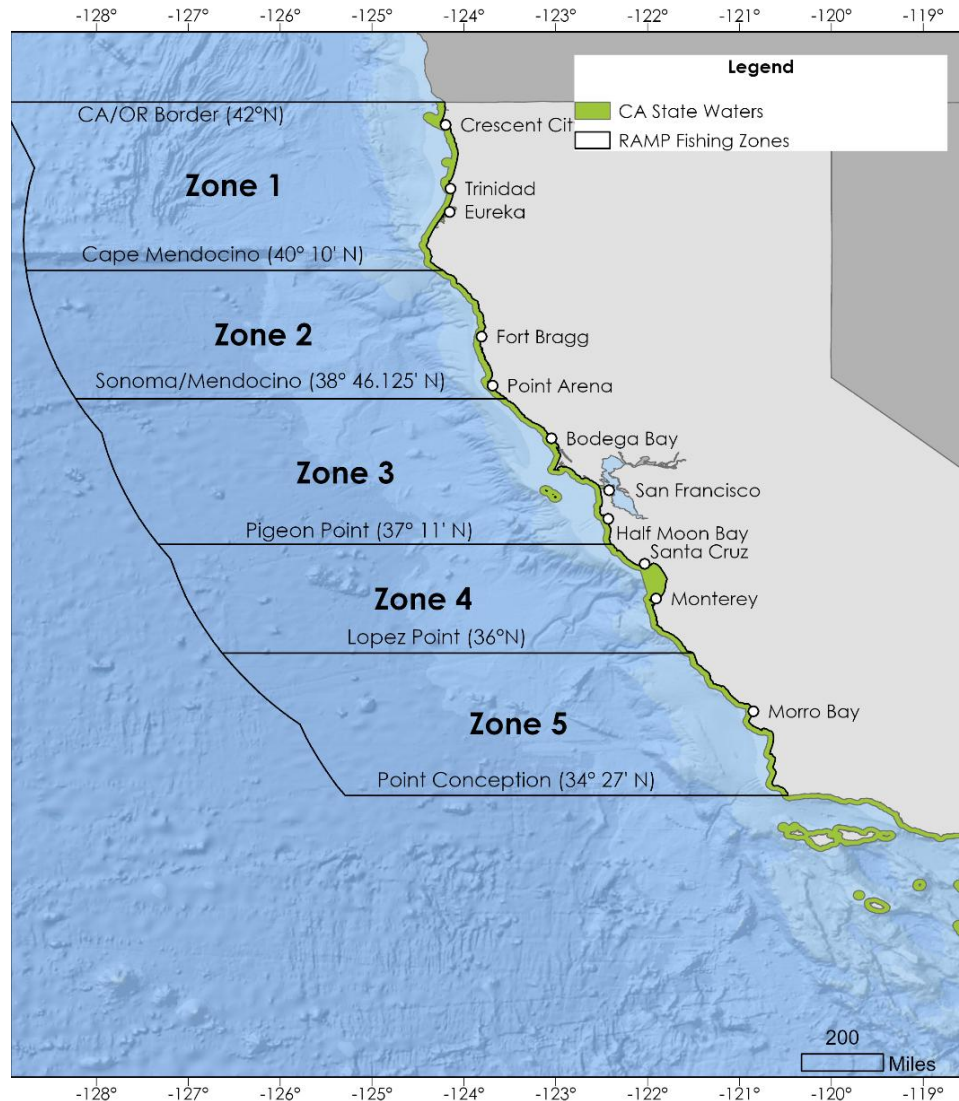
- **NEW** Report date (e.g., February 1, February 16, etc.)
- Permit number
- Current Fishing Zone(s) – see new RAMP Zone map
- Number of deployed traps
- Depth range (fathoms)
- **NEW** Number of newly lost traps



**NEW** Two weeks after submitting a final report, every participating permitholder must report:

- **Total number of traps lost during the season and**
  - **Buoy tag numbers attached to each lost trap**
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- Reports still due to [WhaleSafeFisheries@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:WhaleSafeFisheries@wildlife.ca.gov) on or before the 1st and 16th day of each month.
  - Optional form also available: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Whale-Safe-Fisheries/Crab-Report>

# Fishing Zone Map Update - RAMP 2.0



- RAMP Fishing Zones were simplified by removing zones 6 and 7
- This will focus survey efforts and management actions on the distinct areas where Dungeness crab fishery occurs off the coast of California



# Entanglements & RAMP 2.0

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- If **three** or more confirmed entanglements of humpback whales in CA commercial Dungeness crab gear occur **during a calendar year**, the Director shall **close the remainder of the current fishing season statewide and the following fishing season shall not open until January 1 (at the earliest) of the next calendar year.**
- Note: As of October 2025, there have been **three** humpback whale entanglements attributed to the CA Commercial Dungeness Crab Gear.

# Alternative Gear Authorization

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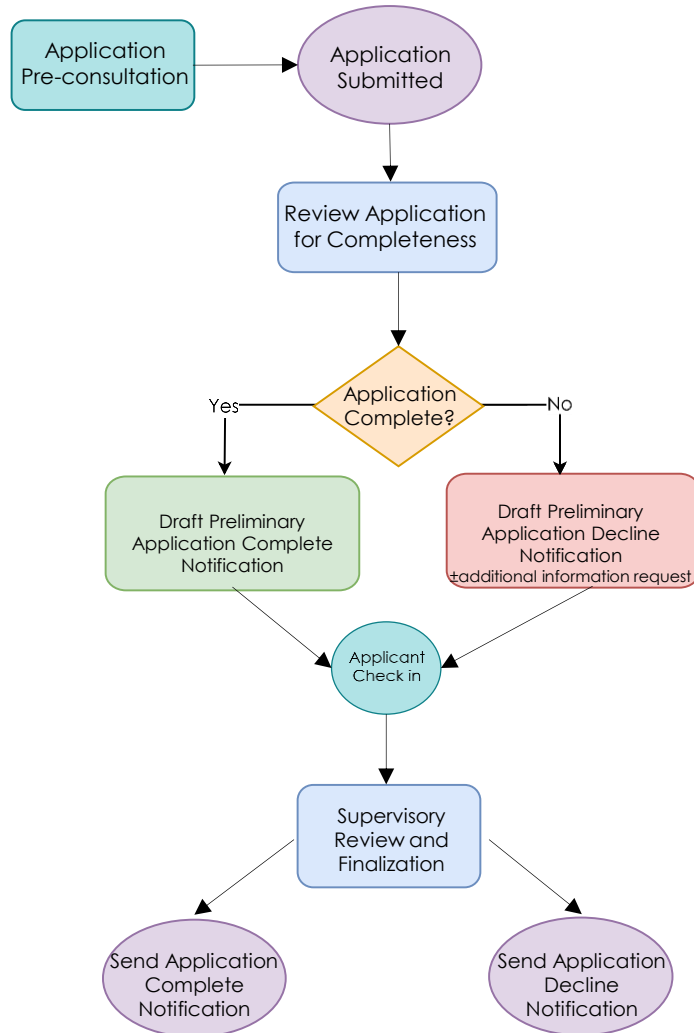


- Process
- Timeline
- Application submission



# Alternative Gear Authorization

## Application Review Process (60 days)



## Conditional Authorization (60 days~)

