



## ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

### Risk Assessment Mitigation Program – Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has taken final action under the Fish and Game Code and the Administrative Procedure Act with respect to the proposed project on August 27, 2020. On May 15, 2020, the Department published notice of its intent to adopt Sections 138.2 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CCR”) that establishing criteria and protocols to assess and manage risk of marine life entanglement with fishing gear associated with the commercial Dungeness crab fishery (California Regulatory Notice Register 2020-0505-11).

#### Categorical Exemptions to Protect Natural Resources and the Environment

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), the Department adopted the regulation pertaining to commercial crab trap fishing on the categorical exemptions contained in CEQA Guidelines sections 15307 (Action by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources) and 15308 (Action by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment). The exemptions apply to agency actions to protect natural resources and the environment, respectively.

The proposed regulations would adopt the Risk Assessment Mitigation Program (RAMP), establishing criteria and protocols to assess and manage risk of marine life entanglement with fishing gear associated with the commercial Dungeness crab fishery, including the authority for the Director of the Department to to restrict fishing activity when appropriate. The overall project is designed to minimize entanglement of marine life in commercial Dungeness crab fishing gear, and thus would serve to protect natural resources and the environment.