

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2022090320

Project Title: California Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery RAMP Regulatory Amendments

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Project Location: US Exclusive Economic Zone (the area within 200 nautical miles of the shoreline of CA)
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

CDFW proposes to amend Title 14 Section 132.8 of the California Code of Regulations codifying the Risk Assessment and Mitigation Program (RAMP), which is the proposed project subject to approval by CDFW and compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The RAMP regulatory amendments are part of CDFW's comprehensive strategy to avoid, minimize, mitigate, and monitor entanglements of Actionable Species: blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*), Central America and Mexico Distinct Population Segments of humpback whale (*Megaptera novaengliae*), and Pacific leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) in commercial Dungeness crab fishing gear off the coast of California. The proposed amendments would add new RAMP components consisting of the management actions of restricting surface gear and active tending requirements as well as new buoy and line marking requirements. The proposed amendments would also modify existing RAMP components. These regulatory amendments would also strengthen California's regulatory authority to implement Conservation Plan measures to support that National Marine Fisheries Service's discretionary approval and issuance of an Incidental Take Permit for the potential take of specified Actionable Species.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The project does not have any significant or potentially significant effect or proposed mitigation measures.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

- economic impacts of implementing the proposed regulatory amendments, applying for an ITP, and implementing the CP for the commercial Dungeness crab fishery,
- feasibility of alternative gear, and
- establishment of an appropriate environmental baseline.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- California Department of Parks and Recreation for state marine parks,
- California Coastal Commission for resources in the coastal zone, and
- California State Lands Commission for submerged land within 3 miles of the coast.