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SCH # 2022090320

Project Title: California Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery Risk Assessment and Mitigation Program Regulatory Amendments

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 City: Monterey Zip: 93940 County: Monterey

Project Location: County: multiple coastal counties City/Nearest Community: multiple coastal cities/communities

Cross Streets: _____ Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: Pacific Ocean

Airports: multiple Railways: multiple Schools: multiple

Document Type:

CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR	NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI	Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR	<input type="checkbox"/> EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Document
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Local Action Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Rezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Prezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element	<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Regulatory Amendments</u>

Development Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Regulatory Amendments</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____	

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land	<input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Greenhouse Gas Emissions</u>

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Marine/Open Ocean

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) proposes to amend Title 14 Section 132.8 of the California Code of Regulations codifying the Risk Assessment and Mitigation Program (RAMP). 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 novaeangliae*), 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 the National Marine Fisheries Service's discretionary approval and issuance of an Incidental Take Permit for the potential take of specified Actionable Species under Section 10 of the federal Endangered Species Act for the California commercial Dungeness crab fishery. Although the commercial Dungeness crab fishery occurs almost exclusively north of Point Conception, CDFW jurisdiction over the fishery extends throughout the US Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the California coast. Therefore, the project area encompasses the entirety of the EEZ from the California/Oregon border in the north to the California/Mexico border in the south.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>7</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>NMFS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>USCG</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date April 26, 2024 Ending Date June 10, 2024

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