

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2022090320

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

Project Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project Location (include county): US Exclusive Economic Zone (the area within 200 nautical miles of the shoreline) extending from the California/Oregon border to the California/Mexico border

Project Description: The proposed amendments to 14 CCR Section 132.8 (RAMP) constitute the proposed project for purposes of CEQA compliance. They 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 new buoy and line marking requirements. The proposed amendments would also modify existing RAMP components. These regulatory changes are being proposed to satisfy requirements for the Incidental Take Permit pursuant to National Marine Fisheries Service feedback, help streamline implementation processes to conserve staff resources and clarify existing language to facilitate implementation and enforcement.

This is to advise that the **California Department of Fish and Wildlife** has approved the above

(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on March 25, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the General Public at:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/CEQA>.

Signature (Public Agency): M. B. Bohan

Title: Director

Date: 3/27/25

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____