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California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Fair Start Clarification for December 1, 2016 Commercial Opener

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is providing the following information to address inquiries regarding the application of fair start:

Fair start provisions will not apply to District 6 when the area is opened to commercial fishing on December 1, 2016, but will apply to District 7. This means that those fishing outside of Districts 6, 7, 8, or 9 could immediately begin fishing in District 6 when it opens on December 1, but anyone who has fished outside District 7 will have to wait 30 days after the opening of any portion of District 7 to fish in any portion of District 7.

More information:

[CDFW Press Release: More of Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery to Open; Some Areas Will Remain Closed \(11/23/2016\)](#)