



California Fish and Game Commission

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Greetings fish and wildlife stakeholder,

The last remaining stretch of the California coast is now open to the recreational Dungeness crab fishery. Today, the Commission and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) were notified by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, after consultation with the director of the California Department of Public Health, that it recommends lifting the last remaining closure of the Dungeness crab fishery between a line extending due west from 40° 46.15' N latitude (at the west end of the north jetty at the entrance of Humboldt Bay) and north to the southern boundary line at 41° 17.6' N latitude (at the southern boundary of Reading Rock State Marine Conservation Area near Redwood Creek); as a result, the recreational fishery is now open along the entire California coast consistent with emergency regulations adopted by the Commission in November.

Pursuant to regulations adopted by CDFW, the commercial Dungeness crab fishery will also re-open seven days from today at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, May 26 with a presoak period on Monday, May 23 at 8:01 a.m.

For details about what portion of the recreational and commercial Dungeness and rock crab fisheries are open or closed, see <http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/news>. The emergency regulations adopted by the Commission in November are at http://fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2015/index.aspx#29_85.