



June 23, 2022

Subject: **AUGUST 15, 2022: DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR BETWEEN-SEASON REPLACEMENT DUNGENESS CRAB BUOY TAGS**

Dear Dungeness Crab Vessel Permit Holder:

Before the start of the next California Dungeness crab season, you may replace all lost buoy tags with new buoy tags. You can purchase any number of buoy tags up to your full trap tag allotment.

Deadline to Submit Affidavit: August 15, 2022

Enclosed is the Between-Season Replacement Dungeness Crab Buoy Tag Affidavit. Please submit the affidavit along with payment to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, License and Revenue Branch (Department) in the enclosed envelope. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 132.4(b)(1), **the deadline to submit the affidavit with payment is on or before August 15, 2022. Affidavits submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.**

Guidance for Completing Affidavit

When filling out the GOID number, provide the GOID number for the Dungeness crab vessel permit holder.

The two narrative sections of the form (“Location and date where lost buoy tags were last observed” and “Describe the factual circumstances surrounding the loss of the buoy tags”) are required elements and must be filled out.

Additional Voluntary Information

To assist the Department with efforts to reduce lost/abandoned gear and risk of marine life entanglements, the Department is also requesting that you voluntarily provide the following additional information. Please note that you are not required to submit this additional information, and the submission or non-submission of this additional information will not affect the issuance of replacement tags. When filling out the two narrative sections, please specify:

- Whether the lost tags were last seen attached to deployed gear
- If lost at sea, a CDFW fishing block or GPS coordinates where the tags/gear were last seen
- Whether the tag/gear loss was over multiple incidents or a single incident. If the loss occurred over multiple incidents, separately include the location, date, and factual circumstances for each incident

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- When tags/gear were last observed, in addition to the last time a search was conducted at sea

Return of In-Season Replacement Buoy Tags

All in-season replacement buoy tags must be returned to the Department at the letterhead address. Between-season replacement tags will not be issued unless the in-season replacement tags have been returned to the Department.

Mailing Tags

Buoy tags will be mailed to the address on file with the Department when received from the vendor. All commercial fishers are required to notify the Department of their old and new addresses within three months from when they move or acquire new addresses. (Fish and Game Code Section 7857(m))

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Ms. Debbie Noriega at (916) 823-7232 or Debbie.Noriega@wildlife.ca.gov.