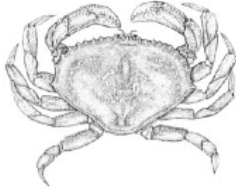


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## California Dungeness Crab Task Force

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### 2023 - 2024 Dungeness Crab Fishery FAQs

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has developed a Frequently Asked Questions document for the 2023-2024 California Commercial Dungeness crab season.

- [2023-2024 Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery - Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

More information and other FAQs are available on [CDFW's Crabs page](#).

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### 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 Commercial Dungeness Crab Trap Limit Program Accounting

In alignment with Fish and Game Code §8276.5, CDFW has provided an accounting of all costs associated with the commercial Dungeness crab trap limit program for the following fiscal years:

- [2019-20 & 2020-21 Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Accounting](#)

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## Reporting and Replacing Buoy Tags

CDFW issued an [industry notice](#) outlining procedures for reporting broken 2023-2025 buoy tags that are in possession and receiving free replacements. Please contact [LRBCOMM@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRBCOMM@wildlife.ca.gov) or (916) 928-5822 with any questions regarding these procedures.

A [second industry notice](#) has also been issued to provide further clarity on replacing buoy tags both broken and no longer in possession.

Buoy tags that are lost or destroyed (not broken) may be replaced for a fee using the same procedures used in previous seasons.

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## Electronic Monitoring Devices and Subscriptions

All vessels participating in the 2023-24 commercial Dungeness crab fishing season are required to have an electronic monitoring device onboard. Please see CDFW's [FAQs](#) for more information. For those who have received the [free electronic monitoring device](#) from Archipelago, please make sure the unit is installed, then you will need to visit the [Archipelago online store](#) to activate the free subscription. If at any time you have issues with your LIME system or questions about the device, you can reach Archipelago at [techsupport@archipelago.ca](mailto:techsupport@archipelago.ca). If you have questions about the program, you will want to inquire with the CDFW at [whalesafefisheries@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:whalesafefisheries@wildlife.ca.gov).

The DCTF was established pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 8276.4. The DCTF will review the current management of the Dungeness crab fishery including the commercial Dungeness crab trap limit program and recommend potential Dungeness crab management changes to California legislature and regulators.

For more information about the DCTF, please visit the Ocean Protection Council's website: <http://www.opc.ca.gov/2009/04/dungeness-crab-task-force/> or contact the DCTF Admin Team at [info@dungenesscrabtaskforce.com](mailto:info@dungenesscrabtaskforce.com) or 805.845.9852. Thank you for your interest in California's Dungeness crab resource management.

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