



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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Dungeness Crab Season Delay Notification

Fish and Game Code (FGC) Section 8276.2 (c) provides the Director with the authority to delay the December 1 season opening, due to soft-shell or poor quality crab conditions, in Fish and Game Districts 6, 7, 8 & 9 (Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties) for a minimum of 15 days.

Recent test results indicate the crabs will not be ready for harvest on December 1, 2005. Based on these data and the interest in cooperatively managing the interstate Dungeness crab fishery, I am delaying the opening of Dungeness crab season in northern California (Districts 6, 7, 8 & 9) until 12:01 am December 16, 2005.

Pursuant to FGC Section 8276.3 (b), the opening date in Districts 6, 7, 8 and 9 shall be preceded by a 36-hour gear setting period.

During the next few weeks the Department and the states of Oregon and Washington will be working together to determine if the crab season opening date will need to be delayed further. As provided in FGC Section 8276.3 no vessel may take or land crab within Districts 6, 7, 8 & 9 during the closure period.

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L. Ryan Broddrick
Director



**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIRECTOR'S ACTION REQUEST**



To: Ryan Brodrick, Director
Via: Sonke Mastrup, Deputy Director

Subject: (Select one)

- For Director's Signature
- Request for Meeting
- For Director's Information
- Request for Executive Team Review
- Other:
- Request for Approval
- Request for Review and Comment
- Request for Director's Participation
- Request for Leadership Team Review

Issue Statement:	Dungeness Crab Season Delay Notification for Director's approval/signature
Time Factor or Limitations:	November 22, 2005
Summary of Implications:	Mandatory notice to advise season delay.
Effects on Existing Law or Regulation:	Mandatory Notice
Estimated Costs:	N/A

Legal Office Review

Legislature Office Review

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NOTE: DECEASE

Ryan Brodrick, Director

Date: 22 NOVEMBER 2005