

## Regulatory Language

Section 29.85, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

29.85. Crab.

(a) Dungeness crabs (Cancer magister)

(1) ~~Closure:~~ Closures:

(A) Dungeness crab may not be taken from or possessed if taken from San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay, plus all their tidal bays, sloughs and estuaries between the Golden Gate Bridge and Carquinez Bridge.

(B) Dungeness crab may not be taken from or possessed if taken from ocean waters, including bays and estuaries, north of the Ventura/Santa Barbara County line north of the Sonoma/Mendocino county line at 38° 46.1' N Latitude, near Gualala in Mendocino County where the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, in consultation with the Director of the California Department of Public Health, has determined that Dungeness crab contain unhealthy domoic acid levels and recommends closing the fishery until such time as the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, in consultation with the Director of the California Department of Public Health, determines that domoic acid levels in Dungeness crab no longer pose a significant risk to public health and no longer recommends the fishery be closed. Areas may be opened on a county-by-county basis. The department shall maintain a list of closed ocean waters of the state and update that list on Wednesday of each week by 1:00 pm. It shall be the responsibility of any person prior to taking Dungeness crab to call (831) 649-2883 or go to the department's website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Health-Advisories](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Health-Advisories) to obtain the current status of any ocean water.

(2) Open season:

(A) Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties: From the ~~first Saturday in November~~ opening date determined through subsection (a)(1)(B) through July 30.

(B) All other counties: From the ~~first Saturday in November~~ opening date determined through subsection (a)(1)(B) through June 30.

(3) Limit: Ten, except in Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties, when fishing aboard a commercial passenger fishing vessel required to be licensed pursuant to Section 7881 and/or Section 7920, Fish and Game Code, the limit is six.

(4) Not more than 60 crab traps are authorized to be used to take Dungeness crab from a vessel operating under authority of a Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel License issued pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 7920.

(5) Traps and trap buoys by a commercial passenger fishing vessel to take Dungeness crab under authority of this Section and Section 29.80 shall have the commercial boat registration number of that vessel affixed to each trap and buoy.

(6) No vessel that takes Dungeness crabs under authority of this section, or Section 29.80, shall be used to take Dungeness crabs for commercial purposes.

(7) Minimum size: Five and three-quarter inches measured by the shortest distance through the body from edge of shell to edge of shell directly in front of and excluding the points (lateral spines); except in Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco,

San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties, when fishing aboard a commercial passenger fishing vessel required to be licensed pursuant to Section 7881 and/or Section 7920, Fish and Game Code, the minimum size is six inches measured by the shortest distance through the body from edge of shell to edge of shell directly in front of and excluding the points (lateral spines).

- (b) All crabs of the *Cancer* genus except Dungeness crabs, but including: yellow crabs, rock crabs, red crabs and slender crabs:

(1) Rock crab closure:

(A) Rock crab may not be taken from or possessed if taken from ocean waters, including bays and estuaries, north of the Ventura/Santa Barbara County line north of the Piedras Blancas Light Station in San Luis Obispo County (Latitude 35° 40' N) and in ocean waters of the state between Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa islands within the area bounded by straight lines between the following points in the order listed:

- 34° 7.75' N lat. 120° 0.00' W long.,
- 34° 7.75' N lat. 119° 50.00' W long.,
- 33° 53.00' N lat. 119° 50.00' W long.,
- 33° 53.00' N lat. 120° 0.00' W long., and
- 34° 7.75' N lat. 120° 0.00' W long.,

where the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, in consultation with the Director of the California Department of Public Health, has determined that rock crab contain unhealthy domoic acid levels and recommends closing the fishery until such time as the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, in consultation with the Director of the California Department of Public Health, determines that domoic acid levels in rock crab no longer pose a significant risk to public health and no longer recommends the fishery be closed. Areas may be opened on a county-by-county basis. The department shall maintain a list of closed ocean waters of the state and update that list on Wednesday of each week by 1:00 pm. It shall be the responsibility of any person prior to taking rock crab to call (831) 649-2883 or go to the department's website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Health-Advisories](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Health-Advisories) to obtain the current status of any ocean water.

~~(1)~~(2) Open season:

(A) Rock crab: The rock crab season will open on the date determined through subsection (b)(1)(A) and will remain open until August 2, 2016.

(B) All other species: All year.

~~(2)~~(3) Limit: Thirty-five.

~~(3)~~(4) Minimum size: Four inches measured by the shortest distance through the body, from edge of shell to edge of shell at the widest part, except there is no minimum size in Fish and Game districts 8 and 9.

- (c) All crabs of the genus *Cancer*, including Dungeness crabs, yellow crabs, rock crabs, red crabs and slender crabs, may be brought to the surface of the water for measuring, but no undersize crabs may be placed in any type of receiver, kept on the person or retained in any person's possession or under his direct control; all crabs shall be measured immediately and any undersize crabs shall be released immediately into the water.

- (d) Sand crabs (*Emerita analoga*): Limit: Fifty.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, ~~205 and 220~~205, 220 and 240, Fish and Game Code; Reference: Sections 200, 202, 205, ~~206 and 220~~206, 220 and 240, Fish and Game Code