

Pacific Fishery Management Council



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Herbert A. Pollard II, Chair | Charles A. Tracy, Executive Director

February 8, 2017

Mr. Christopher Williams
2040 Pavin Drive
Oxnard, CA, 93036

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of intent to use gillnet gear to harvest California king crab, which we received on February 3, 2017. In your letter you cite the regulations at 50 CFR 600.725, which contains the list of authorized fisheries and gear; however, please note that there are additional regulations that describe in detail the required content of notice of a potential new fishery at 50 CFR 600.747(c)(2):

(2) Notification procedures.

(i) A signed return receipt for the notice serves as adequate evidence of the date that the notification was received by the appropriate Council or the Director, in the case of Atlantic highly migratory species, and establishes the beginning of the 90-day notification period, *unless required information in the notification is incomplete* (emphasis added).

(ii) The notification must include:

(A) Name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the notification.

(B) Description of the gear.

(C) The fishery or fisheries in which the gear is or will be used.

(D) A diagram and/or photograph of the gear, as well as any specifications and dimensions necessary to define the gear.

(E) The season(s) in which the gear will be fished.

(F) The area(s) in which the gear will be fished.

(G) The anticipated bycatch species associated with the gear, including protected species, such as marine mammals, sea turtles, sea birds, or species listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

(H) How the gear will be deployed and fished, including the portions of the marine environment where the gear will be deployed (surface, midwater, and bottom).

(iii) Failure to submit complete and accurate information will result in a delay in beginning the 90-day notification period. The 90-day notification period will not begin until the information received is determined to be accurate and complete.

Only if you submit your notice with all of the required information as noted above will the 90-day notification period begin. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles A. Tracy".

Charles A. Tracy
Executive Director

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February 1, 2017

Chuck Tracy
Executive Director
Pacific Fishery Management Council
7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
Portland, Oregon 97220-1384

Mr. Tracy,

This letter is to serve as notification of my intent to use my gillnet gear to harvest California king crab, beginning 90 days from todays date (May 2, 2017) in accordance with 50 CFR 600.725.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chall", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher E. Williams
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2040 Pavin Drive
Oxnard, CA 93036



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 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
 West Coast Division
 7600 Sand Point Way NE
 Seattle, WA 98115

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January 31, 2017

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Christopher Williams and Michele Dania Williams
 2040 Pavin Drive
 Oxnard, CA 93036

Dear Mr. Williams,

This letter is to inform you that as of January 22, 2015, federal regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act does not authorize a California king crab fishery in federal waters off California and Oregon using gillnet gear. See 50 CFR 600.725(v)(vi)(7)(A)(enclosed). However, these same regulations would allow you to use gillnet gear to harvest California king crab if you give written notification to the Pacific Fishery Management Council at least 90 days before you commence such a fishery. Such notification should be made in accordance with the regulations. During those 90 days the National Marine Fisheries Service may consider additional regulatory action to prohibit or otherwise regulate the fishery.

You should submit your notification letter to:

Chuck Tracy
 Executive Director
 Pacific Fishery Management Council
 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101
 Portland, Oregon 97220-1384

If you intend to harvest California king crab in state waters, you should contact the California Department of Fish & Wildlife to ensure you are in compliance with state laws and regulations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Special Agent Michelle Zetwo at 619-557-5494.

Sincerely,

Tracy C. Dunn

Tracy Dunn
 Acting Assistant Director
 West Coast Division

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 Chuck Tracy, PFMC

