

1 [Limitations on the Number of Dungeness Crab Traps.]

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3 **Ordinance adding Chapter 14, the "Dungeness Crab Sustainability Ordinance" to the**
4 **Environment Code, adding section 1400 setting forth the findings, adding section 1401**
5 **limiting to 250 per day the number of crab traps a vessel, loading or unloading traps or**
6 **crab in San Francisco, may set , and section 1402, making the penalty for violation a**
7 **misdemeanor and charging the Department of the Environment with monitoring the**
8 **Ordinance.**

9 Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;
10 deletions are *strikethrough italics Times New Roman*.
11 Board amendment additions are double underlined.
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

13 Section 1. The San Francisco Environment Code is hereby amended by adding
14 Chapter 14, to read as follows:

15 Chapter 14 Dungeness Crab Sustainability Ordinance

16 Section 1400. Findings.

17 (a) The Board of Supervisors finds and declares that the Dungeness crab fishery is
18 important to the City and County of San Francisco because it provides a valuable food
19 product that is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, that it is a critical part of the image of
20 the City and that it also provides employment for those persons engaged in the fishery and
21 restaurant industries, and economic benefits to the City.

22 (b) The Board of Supervisors further finds and declares that to ensure the long-term
23 sustainability of the Dungeness crab fishery, the Legislature has limited the number of vessels
24 that may in the participate in that fishery by requiring the owners of those vessels that take
25 Dungeness crab to obtain a permit from the California Fish and Game Commission.

1 (c) The Board of Supervisors further finds and declares that there is a serious risk of
2 overfishing of this local resource and that to ensure the long-term sustainability of the local
3 Dungeness crab fishery, it is necessary to place limits on the number of traps used by each
4 vessel in the fishery. State law does not currently limit the number of traps that may be used.
5 Limitations on the number of traps will ensure the safety of crabbing operations, help ensure
6 that the resource is more equitably shared among participants, increase the economic value
7 of the resource, and make more fresh crab available to consumers during most or all of the
8 crab fishing season. The Board of Supervisors further finds and declares that the average
9 number of traps that an individual is generally able to bait, set, and empty in a normal fishing
10 day without overburdening the fishery is approximately 250.

11 Section 1401. Limitations on the Number of Traps.

12 During the Dungeness Crab fishery season as set by California Fish and Game Code
13 section 8276 *et. seq.*, persons operating a vessel to take, possess, or land Dungeness crab
14 for commercial purposes who load or unload crab traps or crabs in the City and County of San
15 Francisco shall not bait, set or empty more than 250 traps per day.

16 Section 1402. Penalties and Enforcement.

17 (a) The punishment for violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor.

18 (b) The Department of the Environment shall monitor the effectiveness of this
19 Ordinance and report to the Board of Supervisors annually on its implementation.

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