

**Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc.**  
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Subject: 2017 Abalone Emergency Action

Dear Commissioners:

Central California Council of Diving Clubs represents sixteen dive clubs north of San Luis Obispo County including all of the counties where sport abalone may be harvested.

In the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) recent transect data, it reflected a trigger point was hit. Per the Abalone Recovery and Management plan, it requires an emergency action for reduction for the 2017 abalone regulations. After a survey of member clubs in response to this required action, CenCal supports DFW suggested emergency regulation change to the following:

Reduction of annual bag limit to 12 and closure of months of April & November.

CenCal appreciates your consideration of this feedback with your decision.

Thank you,  
Larry Ankuda  
Secretary, CenCal