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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DECLARATION OF FISHERIES CLOSURE
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT
CAUSED BY ELEVATED LEVELS OF DOMOIC ACID IN SPINY LOBSTER

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I find and declare that

I.

Opportunistic sampling by the California Department of Public Health revealed elevated levels of domoic acid in some samples of spiny lobster from the Channel Islands.

II.

On October 24, 2017, the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at the California Department of Public Health determined that spiny lobster in waters off Anacapa Island and the east end of Santa Cruz Island pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended closure of the commercial lobster fishery in the affected area.

III.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am enacting a closure of the commercial spiny lobster fishery in all state waters around Santa Cruz and Anacapa Islands east of 119° 40.000' W. longitude, **and** west of 119° 20.000' W. longitude. State waters extends three nautical miles beyond outermost islands, reefs and rocks.

This closure will remain in place until I am notified by the public health agencies named above, that a health hazard with regard to spiny lobster no longer exists.

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

10/24/2017 11:45 a.m. (PST)

Date/Time

**All state waters around Santa Cruz and Anacapa Islands east of 119° 40.000' W. longitude, and west of 119° 20.000' W. longitude are closed to commercial spiny lobster fishing.
Effective October 24, 2017 until further notice.**

