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**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DECLARATION OF FISHERIES CLOSURE  
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT  
CAUSED BY AN OIL SPILL AFFECTING MARINE WATERS  
Pursuant to Fish and Game Code § 5654, I find and declare that:**

**I.**

On May 19, 2015 a pipeline break occurred near Refugio State Beach in Santa Barbara County, affecting shorelines to the east and west. The initial statement estimated that 500 barrels of heavy crude oil was released and the responsible party has been identified as Plains All American.

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) was informed of this spill. OEHHA recommended that a fisheries closure be initiated. On May 19, 2015 a closure was issued, prohibiting the catch and consumption of finfish and shellfish caught in the area of the closure.

**II.**

OEHHA has revised its recommendation regarding the geographic boundaries of the closed area. OEHHA is advising that fishers avoid fishing in areas where there is visible sheen on the water.

**III.**

**THEREFORE**, in consultation with OEHHA, I hereby amend the order of May 19, 2015 by extending the geographic boundaries of the closure to include coastal areas from Canada de Alegeria at the western edge to Coal Oil Point at the eastern edge. The closure boundary includes the shoreline and offshore areas between these points to 6 miles offshore. This closure is effective immediately. This closure prohibits the take of finfish and shellfish either from shorelines or from vessels on the water. Attached hereto is a map of the current closed area.

**IV.**

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees or any other person.

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Date/Time