



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.

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.

II.

On November 3, 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 east of 119° 30.00' W. longitude and north of 34° 00.00'N latitude no longer pose a significant human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended opening the commercial spiny lobster fishery in this area.

III.

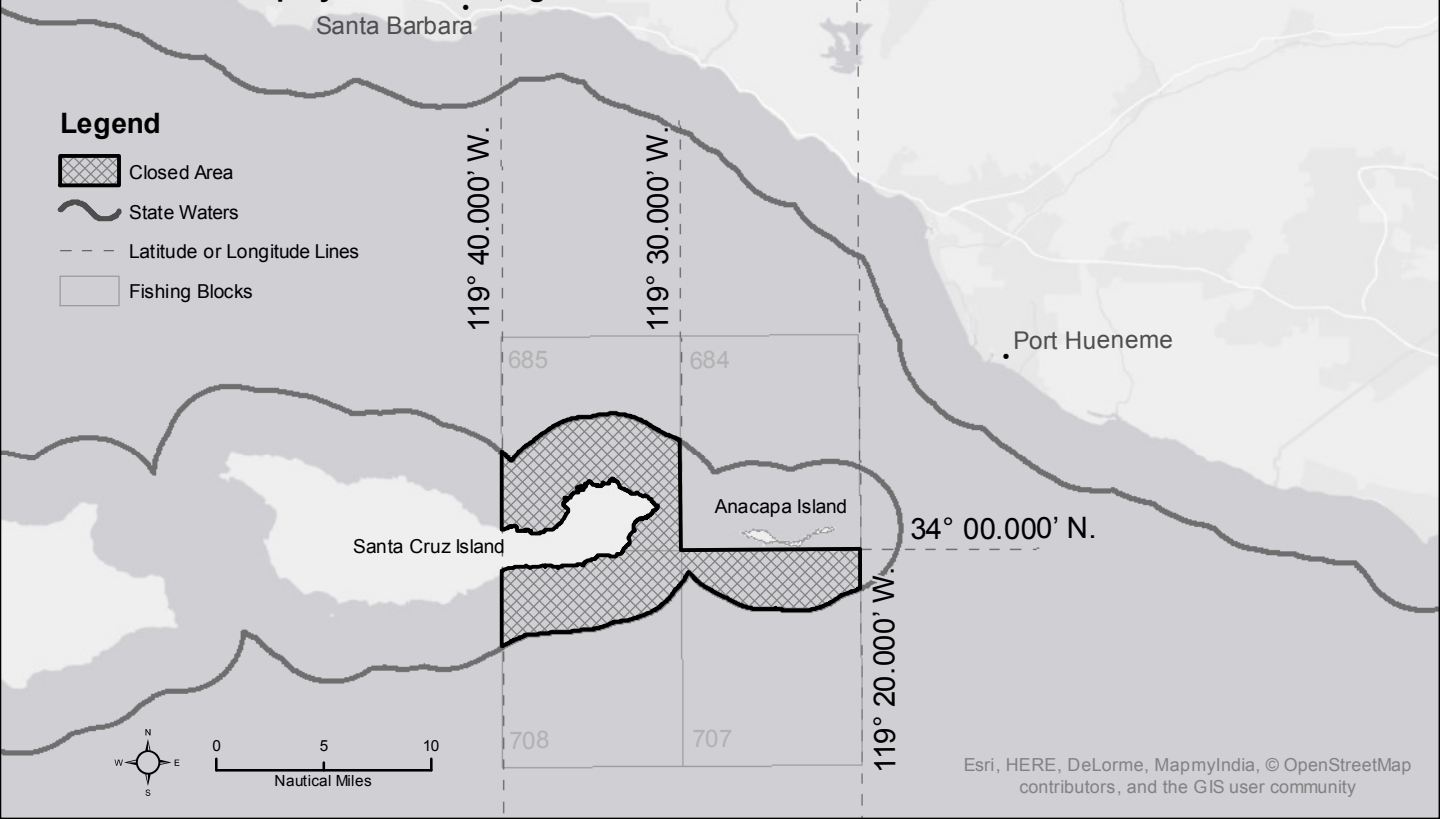
THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am opening the state waters off Anacapa Island east of 119° 30.00' W. longitude and north of 34° 00.00'N latitude to commercial spiny lobster fishing. The commercial fishery closure enacted on October 24, 2017, remains in effect in all other 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

11/3/2017 1:10 p.m.
Date/Time

Except for that portion within commercial fishing block #684 (north of 34° 00.000' N. latitude and east of 119° 30.000' W. longitude) - 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 November 3, 2017 until further notice.



Legend

-  Closed Area
-  State Waters
-  Latitude or Longitude Lines
-  Fishing Blocks

