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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.

On October 24, 2017, state waters around Anacapa Island and the east end of Santa Cruz Island were closed to the commercial take of spiny lobster as recommended by the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), which in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) determined spiny lobster in the affected area pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

II.

On December 29, 2017, the Director of OEHAA in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at the CDPH determined that spiny lobster in waters around Santa Cruz Island east of 119°40.000' W. longitude, west of 119° 30.00' W, and south of 34°00.000' N. latitude no longer pose a significant human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended opening the commercial lobster fishery in this area.

III.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am opening state waters around Santa Cruz Island east of 119°40.000' W. longitude, west of 119° 30.00' W, and south of 34°00.000' N. latitude to commercial lobster fishing. The commercial lobster fishery closure enacted on October 24, 2017, remains in effect in all state waters around Santa Cruz Island east of 119°40.000' W. longitude, west of 119° 30.00' W, and north of 34°00.000' N. latitude and Anacapa Island east of 119°30.000' W, west of 119°20.000' W, and south of 34°00.000' N latitude. State waters extend 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.



 for Charlton H. Bonham, Director

12/29/17 2:15pm
 Date/Time