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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DECLARATION OF LIFTING FISHERIES CLOSURES PUT IN PLACE
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 January 25, 2018, the Director of OEHAA in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at the CDPH determined that spiny lobster in state waters around Santa Cruz Island and Anacapa Island no longer pose a significant human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended lifting the commercial lobster fishery closure.

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, west of 119° 30.00' W longitude, and north of 34°00.000' N latitude and state waters around Anacapa Island east of 119°30.000' W, west of 119°20.000' W longitude, and south of 34°00.000' N latitude to commercial lobster fishing. The commercial lobster fishery is now open statewide.

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

1/25/2018 3:50pm P.S.T.
Date/Time