



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 16, 2018, 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 state waters off Anacapa Island pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended closure of the commercial spiny lobster fishery in the affected area.

II.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am enacting a commercial spiny lobster fishery closure in state waters around Santa Cruz and Anacapa Islands east of 119°30.000'W. longitude, and west of 119°10.000'W. longitude. The commercial take and/or possession of spiny lobster is prohibited in closed waters. State waters extend three nautical miles beyond outermost islands, reefs and rocks.

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

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

10/16/18 2:38 pm pacific

Date/Time