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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DECLARATION OF FISHERIES DELAY  
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT  
CAUSED BY ELEVATED LEVELS OF DOMOIC ACID IN DUNGENESS CRAB  
Pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I find and declare that

I.

On November 9, 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 Dungeness crab in state waters from the southern boundary of Bodega Head State Marine Reserve in Sonoma County (38° 18' N. latitude) north to the Sonoma/Mendocino county line (38° 46.125' N. latitude) pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended to delay opening the commercial Dungeness crab fishery in the affected area.

II.

**THEREFORE**, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am delaying the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery in state waters from the southern boundary of Bodega Head State Marine Reserve in Sonoma County (38° 18' N. latitude) north to the Sonoma/Mendocino county line (38° 46.125' N. latitude).

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

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

Date/Time