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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 16, 2018, the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHAA) in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) 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.

On November 16, 2018, the Director of OEHAA in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at the CDPH determined that spiny lobster in waters around Anacapa Island 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 and Anacapa Islands east of 119°30.000'W. longitude, and west of 119°10.000'W. longitude. The commercial spiny lobster fishery is now open statewide.

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

*11/16/2018 12:45 pm PST*

Date/Time