December 27, 2017

TO ALL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES:

This is to provide you with a 15-day continuation notice of the action taken at the Fish and Game Commission’s (Commission’s) December 6-7, 2017, meeting in San Diego. After receipt of oral and written comments, the Commission voted to close the recreational abalone fishery under Option 1, and to provide a sunset date of that closure. The fishery would re-open on April 1, 2019, or upon adoption of an abalone fishery management plan, whichever comes first.

The regulatory language has been revised to add the sunset date provision in subsections (i)-(j). Additional text was added to subsections (a), (b), and (c), to provide clarity on the effective dates of those subsections. The proposed changes to the originally noticed language are shown in double underline/double strikeout format and are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text.

Written comments on the revised proposed regulatory language will be accepted from December 28, 2017, through 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2018. Written comments must be emailed to FGC@fgc.ca.gov or mailed to Valerie Termini, Executive Director, California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, California 95814. If needed to comply with statutory requirement, a hearing relative to this action will be held in the Resources Building Auditorium, First Floor, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California, on February 7, 2018, at 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Additional information and all associated documents may be found on the Commission website at www.fgc.ca.gov. Please direct inquiries regarding the regulatory process to Sheri Tiemann at Sheri.Tiemann@fgc.ca.gov or (916) 654-9872. Sonke Mastrup, Environmental Program Manager, Department of Fish and Wildlife, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations at Sonke.Mastrup@wildlife.ca.gov or (916) 799-0398.

Sincerely,

Sheri Tiemann
Associate Governmental Program Analyst

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