



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DECLARATION OF LIFTING FISHERIES CLOSURE
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 October 25, 2018, the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) determined that Dungeness crab in waters from Patrick's Point, Humboldt County (41° 8.00' N. latitude) north to the California/Oregon border (42° 0.00' N. latitude) pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended delaying the opening of the recreational Dungeness crab fishery in the affected area.

II.

On January 7, 2019, the Director of OEHHA in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at CDPH determined that Dungeness crab in waters from Patrick's Point, Humboldt County (41° 8.00' N. latitude) north to the California/Oregon border (42° 0.00' N. latitude) pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended delaying the opening the commercial Dungeness crab fishery in the affected area.

III.

On January 18, 2019, the Director of OEHHA in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at CDPH determined that Dungeness crab in waters from Patrick's Point, Humboldt County (41° 8.00' N. latitude) north to the California/Oregon border (42° 0.00' N. latitude) no longer pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended opening the recreational and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in the affected area.

IV.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am opening the recreational Dungeness crab fishery in waters from Patrick's Point, Humboldt County (41° 8.00' N. latitude) north to the California/Oregon border (42° 0.00' N. latitude). The commercial Dungeness crab fishery in this area will open at **12:01 a.m. on Friday, January 25**. Pursuant to subsection 5523(d) this opening shall be preceded by a 64-hour gear setting period to begin at **8:01 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22**.

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

01/18/2019, 11:33 a.m.

Date/Time