



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DECLARATION LIFTING PUBLIC HEALTH FISHERIES CLOSURE
CAUSED BY ELEVATED LEVELS OF DOMOIC ACID IN RAZOR CLAMS

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I find and declare that

I.

On April 20, 2016, 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 razor clams in Humboldt and Del Norte counties contained unhealthy domoic acid levels and recommended fishery closure.

II.

On April 25, 2016, the Fish and Game Commission adopted an emergency closure of the recreational razor clam fishery as recommended. The emergency closure effective dates were from April 26, 2016 to October 24, 2016. The emergency closure was extended for 90 days and expired on January 26, 2017.

III.

On January 30, 2017, under the authority granted by FG Code Section 5523, I declared a continued closure of the razor clam fishery in Humboldt and Del Norte counties.

IV.

On April 29, 2021, I declared the opening of the recreational razor clam fishery in Del Norte County after receiving a recommendation from OEHAA in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at CDPH that the consumption of razor clams taken from Del Norte County no longer posed a significant human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

V.

On August 6, 2021, OEHHA in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at CDPH determined that the consumption of razor clams taken from Humboldt County no longer poses a significant human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

VI.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am opening the recreational razor clam fishery in Humboldt County.

Valerie Termini

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

August 9, 2021

Date/Time