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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DECLARATION OF 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 November 2, 2022, 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 state waters of Del Norte County pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended to close the recreational razor clam fishery in the affected area.

II.

On November 3, 2022, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I declared a closure of the razor clam fishery in Del Norte County.

III.

On July 6, 2023, OEHAA in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at CDPH determined that the consumption of razor clams taken from Del Norte County no longer poses a significant human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended opening the recreational razor clam fishery in Del Norte County.

IV.

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

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

7/6/23 1:45 pm PST  
Date/Time