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

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

On November 9, 2023, the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at the California Department of Public Health determined that razor clams in state waters of Del Norte County posed a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended to close the recreational razor clam fishery in the affected area.

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

The closure will remain in place until I am notified by the public health agencies named above that a health hazard regarding razor clams no longer exists.

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

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Date/Time