



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
LIFTING OF FISHERIES CLOSURE
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT
CAUSED BY AN OIL SPILL AFFECTING STATE WATERS**

I.

Pursuant to Fish & Game Code Section 5654, on September 28, 2024, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), declared a closure to the take of all fish and shellfish due to potential public health hazards posed by an oil spill in state waters in the Smith Canal in the City of Stockton, County of San Joaquin. The initial closure boundaries extended from American Legion Park (Yosemite Lake) to Louis Park.

II.

On September 28, 2024, the closure area was reduced based on cleanup progress to cover a portion of the original area from American Legion Park to Mission Road.

III.

Based on current cleanup progress and assessment of the area today, and following consultation with OEHHA, I hereby ORDER that the area described in the closure is now open to fishing.

IV.

This Order is not intended to, and does not create, any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

Heather Geldart, Chief Deputy Director for
Charlton H. Bonham, Director
California Department of Fish & Wildlife

September 29, 2024 / 1800
Date