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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
 DECLARATION LIFTING PUBLIC HEALTH FISHERIES CLOSURE
 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 30, 2024, 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 state waters from the California/Oregon border (42° 0.0' N. latitude) south to the southern boundary of the Reading Rock State Marine Reserve (41° 17.6' N latitude) pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended closure of the recreational Dungeness crab fishery in the affected area.

II.

On December 9, 2024, OEHHA in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at CDPH determined that the consumption of Dungeness crab from the affected area no longer poses a significant human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

III.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am opening the recreational Dungeness crab fishery from the California/Oregon border (42° 0.0' N. latitude) south to the southern boundary of the Reading Rock State Marine Reserve (41° 17.6' N latitude), effective immediately.

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

Date/Time