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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DECLARATION LIFTING FISHERIES RESTRICTIONS
CAUSED BY ELEVATED LEVELS OF DOMOIC ACID IN PACIFIC SARDINE

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

I.

On May 9, 2025, 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 Pacific sardine in ocean waters south of Point Conception (34° 27.000' N. lat.) to the California/Mexico border, posed a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended to restrict the commercial and recreational take of Pacific sardine for human consumption in the affected area.

II.

On June 13, 2025, OEHHA, in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at CDPH, determined that the consumption of Pacific sardine 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 lifting the restrictions in place for the commercial and recreational take of Pacific sardine in ocean waters south of Point Conception (34° 27.000' N. lat.) to the California/Mexico border, effective immediately.

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

Date/Time