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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DECLARATION OF FISHERIES CLOSURE
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT
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 23, 2025, 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 Dungeness crab in state waters from the California/Oregon border (42° 0.0' N. latitude) south to Sonoma/Mendocino County line (38° 46.125' N latitude) pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended a delay of the recreational Dungeness crab fishery in the affected area.

II.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am ordering a recreational Dungeness crab fishery delay in state waters from the California/Oregon border (42° 0.0' N. latitude) south to Sonoma/Mendocino County line (38° 46.125' N latitude). State waters extend three nautical miles beyond outermost islands, reefs and rocks.

The delay will remain in place until I am notified by the public health agencies named above, that a health hazard regarding Dungeness crab no longer exists.

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

10/24/25 10:05 AM PT

Date/Time