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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DECLARATION OF 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 23, 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 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.

On December 12, 2025, OEHHA in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at CDPH determined that the consumption of Dungeness crab in two areas within the initial closure area no longer pose a significant human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid. These two areas include the following:

1. California/Oregon border (42° 0.0' N. latitude) south to the southern boundary of the Reading Rock Marine Protected Areas (41° 17.6' N latitude) and
2. Cape Mendocino (40° 10.0' N. latitude) south to the Sonoma/Mendocino County line (38° 46.125' N. latitude).

III.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am opening the recreational Dungeness crab fishery from 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) **and** Cape Mendocino (40° 10.0' N. latitude) south to the Sonoma/Mendocino County line (38° 46.125' N. latitude), effective immediately.

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

12/12/25 3:30

Date/Time