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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, the recreational Dungeness crab fishery opened in the following two areas, after receiving recommendations from OEHHA:

1. California/Oregon border (42° 0.0' N. latitude) south to the southern boundary of the Reading Rock State 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.

On December 30, 2025, the Director of OEHHA in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at CDPH determined that the consumption of Dungeness crab no longer pose a significant human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid from the southern boundary of the Reading Rock State Marine Protected Areas (41° 17.6' N. latitude) south to Cape Mendocino (40° 10.0' N. latitude).

IV.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am opening the recreational Dungeness crab fishery from the southern boundary of the Reading Rock State Marine Protected Areas (41° 17.6' N. latitude) south to Cape Mendocino (40° 10.0' N. latitude), effective immediately.

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Valerie Termini, Acting Director

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