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

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

I.

On June 26, 2026, 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 northern anchovy and Pacific sardine in waters south of Pigeon Point, San Mateo County (37° 11.000' N. lat.) to a line due west from Point Lobos, Monterey County (36° 31.461' N. lat.), posed a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended restricting commercial take of northern anchovy and Pacific sardine for human consumption in the affected area.

II.

On July 31, 2026, OEHHA, in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at CDPH, determined that the consumption of northern anchovy and 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 take of northern anchovy and Pacific sardine in waters south of Pigeon Point (37° 11.000' N. lat.) to a line due west from Point Lobos (36° 31.461' N. lat.), effective immediately.

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Valerie Termini
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Valerie Termini, Acting Director

7/31/2026

Date