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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DECLARATION OF FISHERIES RESTRICTION
CAUSED BY ELEVATED LEVELS OF DOMOIC ACID IN NORTHERN ANCHOVY

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

I.

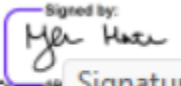
On September 11, 2026, the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) determined that northern anchovy in waters south of Pigeon Point, San Mateo County (37° 11.000' 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 for human consumption in the affected area.

II.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am restricting the commercial and recreational take of northern anchovy for human consumption in waters south of Pigeon Point (37° 11.000' N. lat.) to a line due west from Point Lobos (36° 31.461' N. lat.). Under the restriction, northern anchovy, taken from the affected area shall not be possessed or sold for human consumption, except:

1. Commercial or incidental take for use as bait or unmarketable fish is allowed. Any northern anchovy sold for use as dead bait shall be clearly labeled as not for human consumption or use in pet food.
2. The recreational take of northern anchovy for use as bait is allowed.

These restrictions on take for human consumption will remain in place until I am notified by the public health agencies named above, that a health hazard regarding northern anchovy no longer exists.

Signed by:


Signature
Meghan Hertel, Director

9/11/2026

Date