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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DECLARATION LIFTING FISHERIES RESTRICTIONS
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 (37^0 11.000' N. lat.) to a line due west from Point Lobos, Monterey County (36^0 31.461' N. lat.), posed a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended restricting both commercial and recreational take of northern anchovy for human consumption in the affected area.

II.

On November 16, 2026, OEHHA, in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at CDPH, determined that the consumption of recreationally caught northern anchovy from the affected area no longer poses a significant human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and therefore recommend removing the bait use only restriction for the recreational take of northern anchovy.

III.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am lifting the restriction for the recreational take of northern anchovy in waters south of Pigeon Point (37^0 11.000' N. lat.) to a line due west from Point Lobos (36^0 31.461' N. lat.), effective immediately.

Signed by:
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11/16/2026

Meghan Hertel, Director — Date