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**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DECLARATION OF FISHERIES CLOSURE
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT
CAUSED BY AN OIL SPILL INTO MARINE WATERS
- MODIFICATION -**

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code § 5654, I find and declare that:

I.

On November 18, 2013 the fishing vessel *Royal Pacific* allided with the fishing vessel *Golden Eagle*, causing a spill in excess of one barrel of red dye diesel into marine waters of Ventura Harbor. The owner/operator of the vessel *Royal Pacific* is Royal Pacific LLC, and has been identified as the responsible party.

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) was informed of this spill. OEHHA recommended that a fisheries closure be initiated. On November 19, 2013 a closure was issued, prohibiting the catch and consumption of finfish and shellfish caught in the area of the closure.

II.

OEHHA has revised its recommendation regarding the geographic boundaries of the closed area. OEHHA is still advising that anglers avoid fishing in areas where there is visible sheen on the water.

III.

THEREFORE, in consultation with OEHHA, I hereby amend the order of November 19, 2013 by revising the geographic boundaries of the closure to be the following: Ventura Harbor to the exterior breakwater boundaries, to exclude the residential canals to the north ("Ventura Keys"). This closure is effective immediately. This closure prohibits the take of finfish and shellfish either from shorelines or from vessels on the water. Attached hereto is a map of the current closed area.

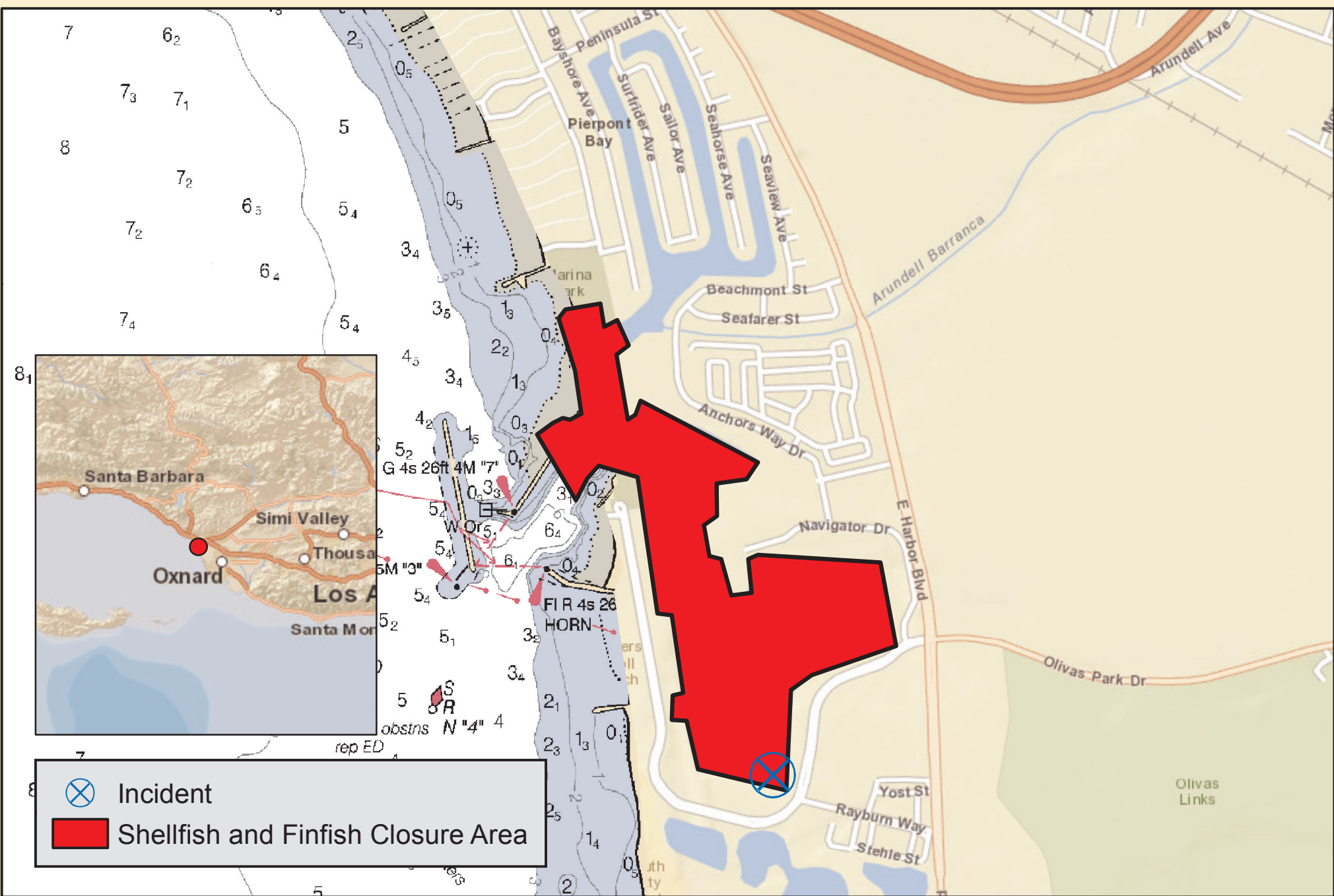
IV.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees or any other person.



Thomas M. Cullen, Jr., Chief Deputy Director for
Charlton H. Bonham, Director

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Date/Time



Royal Pacific Diesel Spill November 20, 2013

