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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
 DECLARATION OF FISHERIES DELAY
 DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT
 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 January 7, 2019, the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at the California Department of Public Health determined that Dungeness crab in waters from Patrick's Point, Humboldt County (41° 8.00' N. latitude) north to the California/Oregon border (42° 0.00' N. latitude) pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended to delay opening the commercial Dungeness crab fishery in the affected area.

II.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am delaying the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery in waters from Patrick's Point, Humboldt County (41° 8.00' N. latitude) north to the California/Oregon border (42° 0.00' N. latitude). It is unlawful to take, possess, or land crab within the closed area.

The closure will remain in place until I am notified by the public health agencies named above, that a health hazard regarding Dungeness crab no longer exists.

Charlton H. Bonham, Director

1/7/19 1:50 pm PST

Date/Time