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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
 DECLARATION OF FISHERIES CLOSURE
 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 October 25, 2018, 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 state waters from Patrick's Point, Humboldt County (41° 8.00' N. latitude) north to the California/Oregon border pose a human health risk due to elevated levels of domoic acid and recommended closure of the recreational Dungeness crab fishery in the affected area.

II.

THEREFORE, under the authority granted by Fish and Game Code Section 5523, I am enacting a recreational Dungeness crab fishery closure in state waters from Patrick's Point, Humboldt County (41° 8.00' N. latitude) north to the California/Oregon border. State waters extend three nautical miles beyond outermost islands, reefs and rocks.

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

Oct. 25, 2018 / 10:05 A.M. PST

Date/Time