



California Fish and Game Commission

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Greetings fish and wildlife stakeholder,

The California coast is now open for recreational Dungeness crab fishing except for one area in Humboldt County, between 41° 17.6' N latitude (at the southern boundary line of Reading Rock State Marine Conservation Area at the mouth of Redwood Creek) and 40° 46.15' N latitude (a line extending due west from the west end of the north jetty at the entrance of Humboldt Bay).

Today the Commission and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) were notified by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment that, in consultation with the California Department of Public Health, a determination has been made that Dungeness crab caught from the California/Oregon border to 41° 17.6' N latitude no longer poses a significant human health risk from high levels of domoic acid; as a result, the recreational fishery is now open along that portion of coast consistent with emergency regulations adopted by the Commission in November.

Pursuant to regulations adopted by CDFW, the commercial Dungeness crab fishery will also re-open along portions of the north coast on May 12.

For details about what portion of the recreational and commercial fisheries are open, see <http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/news>. The emergency regulations adopted by the Commission in November are at http://fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2015/index.aspx#29_85.