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

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

I.

At approximately 0900 on October 2, 2021, I received notice of a petroleum spill into marine waters.

II.

That fishing activities occur in the vicinity of the spill, which may include recreational, commercial, subsistence fishing, and aquaculture operations.

III.

That the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has determined that a threat to public health is likely by fishing in the affected area or consuming fish or shellfish that may have been affected by the spill, and that a fishing and shellfish harvesting closure is recommended as stated below:

- For the coastal area from Warner Ave, Huntington Beach to Crown Valley Parkway, Dana Point, including the shorelines and offshore areas and all bays and harbors between these points.
- For the offshore area an extension of the coastal points to six miles offshore, as shown in the attached map.

This fisheries closure is recommended during an investigation to determine and establish the degree and nature of the public health threat posed.

IV.

Therefore, I hereby ORDER that the take of all fish and shellfish is prohibited in the vicinity of the spill or where the spill is anticipated to spread. Attached hereto is a map of the initially closed areas. The extent of the closure will change as conditions and factors in the area change.

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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.

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