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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE LIFTING OF FISHERIES CLOSURE DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS CAUSED BY AN OIL SPILL AFFECTING MARINE WATERS

I.

Pursuant to Fish & Game Code Section 5654, on October 3, 2021, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), declared a closure to the take of all fish and shellfish due to potential public health hazards posed by an oil spill in marine waters off the coast of Huntington Beach that occurred on October 2. The original closure boundaries extended from Warner Avenue in Huntington Beach to Crown Valley Parkway in Dana Point and included all shoreline and offshore areas between these two points to six miles offshore.

II.

On October 5 and October 7, 2021, the original closure area was expanded beyond the October 3 geographic boundaries to include approximately 650 square miles of marine waters and approximately 45 miles of shoreline. The closure boundaries also included all bays and harbors from Seal Beach to San Onofre State Beach.

III.

After thorough seafood testing, OEHHA has determined that there are no longer potential public health hazards associated with seafood consumption as a result of the October 2 oil spill. Therefore, to promote a safe and orderly resumption of fishing, I hereby ORDER that the area described in the October 7 closure (which is inclusive of the October 3 and 5 closure areas) will be open to fishing and consumption of seafood caught in the vicinity as of 11:59 a.m., Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Attached is a map of the previously closed areas.

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.

Charlton H. Bonham, Director California Department of Fish & Wildlife

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