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Dave Colpo, Senior Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Colpo:

The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) has completed analysis of Dungeness crab samples obtained November 1 – 3, 2004 during the "2004 Northern California Dungeness Crab Quality Test." Dungeness crab harvested from the following six locations, Pelican Bay, Eel River, Eureka Louisiana Pacific, Trinidad Head, Lagoons, and Klamath River, were determined to be below the regulatory action level (30 ppm) for domoic acid.

CDHS would like to acknowledge and thank the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, Caito Fisheries, and California Fish and Game for their assistance in obtaining samples for analysis. CDHS will continue to monitor Dungeness crab samples from the coast of California for elevated levels of domoic acid and will advise industry when analyses are completed.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at (916) 650-6500.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Hernandez, Chief
Seafood Safety Unit
Food and Drug Branch

cc: Eric Larson, California Fish and Game