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Dave Colpo  
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC)  
205 S.E. Spokane Street  
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Dear Mr. Colpo:

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recently completed domoic acid analyses in Dungeness crab harvested during November 2009 from selected sites in Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino Counties. CDPH has determined that the levels of domoic acid in Dungeness crab from these areas do not pose a significant public health threat. There are no public health restrictions to commencing Dungeness crab season as scheduled on December 1, 2009.

CDPH would like to acknowledge the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, California Fish and Game, Pacific Seafood Company, and crab fishermen for their assistance in supplying crab for analysis.

Sincerely,

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California Department of Public Health  
Food and Drug Branch