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November 30, 2006

Dave Colpo
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
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Dear Mr. Colpo:

The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) recently completed domoic acid analyses in Dungeness crab harvested during November 2006 from selected sites in Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties. CDHS 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, 2006. CDHS will continue to monitor for marine biotoxins and will advise industry of any potential public health risks as they arise.

CDHS would like to acknowledge Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, California Fish and Game, Pacific Seafood, Caito Fisheries; and fishermen Tom Timmer, Craig Goucher, Aaron Newman and Bill Forkner, for their assistance in supplying crab for analysis.

Sincerely,

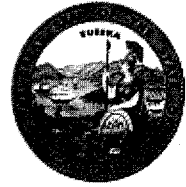
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Dear Mr. Colpo:

The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) has completed its annual pre-season analysis of Dungeness crab. CDHS has determined that the levels of domoic acid in Dungeness crab obtained from selected sites in Sonoma, Marin, and San Mateo Counties during November 2006, do not pose a significant public health threat. At present, there are no public health restrictions to commencing Dungeness crab season as scheduled on November 15, 2006.

PSMFC is advised that CDHS was unable to obtain samples of crab harvested from the area extending South of Pt. Reyes to Half Moon Bay, including the Farallon Islands. However, there is no indication at this time that crab from these areas contains elevated levels of toxin. CDHS will continue to monitor Dungeness crab for toxins and will advise Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, crab industry, and consumers of any potential public health risks resulting from elevated levels.

CDHS would like to extend its appreciation to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, California Fish and Game, Caito Fisheries; and fishermen Tony Anello and Duncan MacClean, and Dan Kammerer for their assistance in supplying crab for analysis.

Sincerely,

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