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Dear Mr. Colpo:

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recently completed domoic acid analyses in Dungeness crab harvested during October 2007 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, 2007. CDPH will continue to monitor for marine biotoxins and will advise industry of any potential public health risks as they arise.

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

Sincerely,

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