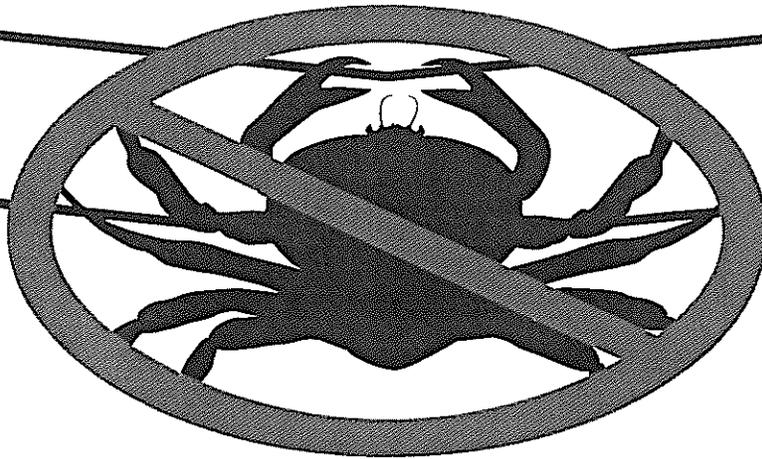


# DUNGENESS CRAB and ROCK CRAB FISHERY CLOSED



**As of Nov. 5, 2015, a closure is in effect for the recreational Dungeness crab and rock crab fisheries from the Santa Barbara/Ventura County Line to the Oregon/California border.**

The California Department of Public Health has found that crabs from extensive sampling sites in this range tested positive for unusually high levels of domoic acid, a neurotoxin that can cause nausea, diarrhea, dizziness, seizures and even death.

Based on a subsequent recommendation from the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the California Fish and Game Commission adopted emergency regulations to close the crab fisheries to ensure public safety.

Sampling will be ongoing, and the fisheries will be reopened when the crabs are determined to be safe for consumption.



For more information, please visit: [wildlife.ca.gov/Crab](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Crab)  
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