CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DECLARATION OF FISHERIES CLOSURE
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT
CAUSED BY AN OIL SPILL INTO MARINE WATERS

Pursuant to Fish & Game Code section 5654, I find and declare that:

I.

At 0800 on October 30, 2009, I received notice of a spill of 42 gallons or more into marine waters (tidally influenced).

II.

Fishing activities occur in the vicinity of the spill, which may include recreational, commercial, subsistence fishing, and aquaculture operations.

III.

The Office of Environmental Heath & Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has recommended that a fishing and shellfish harvesting closure be initiated for impacted shorelines. Additionally, OEHHA is advising that fishers avoid fishing in areas where there is visible sheen on the water.

This fishing and shellfish harvesting closure is recommended during an investigation to determine and establish the degree and nature of the public health threat posed.

IV.

Therefore, I hereby ORDER that the take of all fish and shellfish is prohibited in the vicinity of the spill or where the spill is anticipated to spread, specifically the Alameda County shoreline between the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and the San Mateo Bridge. Attached hereto is a map of the initially closed areas. The extent of the closure will change as conditions and factors in the area change.

V.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its departments, agencies, or other entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

John McCamman, Chief Deputy Director
California Department of Fish & Game

10/30/09 5:30 p.m.
Date / Time