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**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE  
 REOPENING OF FISHERIES CLOSURE  
 DUE TO MARINE OIL SPILL**

**I.**

Pursuant to Fish & Game Code §5654, in consultation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), on November 19, 2013, I issued an order prohibiting fishing in Ventura Harbor. This closure order was issued due to a potential public health threat determined by OEHHA, due to a marine oil spill that occurred on November 18<sup>th</sup> caused by the vessel *Royal Pacific*.

**II.**

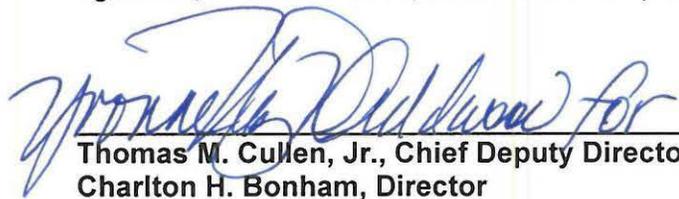
After further evaluation, OEHHA has determined it is unlikely that there are human health risks associated with fishing activities or consumption of finfish or shellfish in the closed area due to this spill. OEHHA recommends that the fishery closure area be reopened.

**III.**

**THEREFORE**, I hereby order that the aforementioned area is now open to fishing and consumption of finfish and shellfish taken from the area that was closed.

**IV.**

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.

  
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 Thomas M. Cullen, Jr., Chief Deputy Director for  
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