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Commercial Crab Evisceration Orders and Instructions

This information provides the dates and times for crab under an Evisceration Order. Instructions are provided for commercial crab fishers, distributors and processors and live buyers, who harvested crab from a zone affected by an evisceration order.

ORDERS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT

No evisceration orders are currently in effect in any zones.

NOTE: Evisceration requirements will be lifted when two samples (6 crab each) are all below the limit for domoic acid in viscera.

- **Evisceration Instructions:** If you have crab from these zones and timeframes you must verify and record all crab received for area/zone where it was harvested and date of harvest; segregate and label affected crab; eviscerate (gut) crab prior to or after cooking; denature and destroy the viscera (guts) of affected crab; the viscera cannot be used, sold or given away for human or animal consumption or for use as bait. If you are not approved and licensed to eviscerate the crab you must either send it to a licensed crab processor who is approved to eviscerate crab, or denature and destroy the crab.

ORDERS NO LONGER IN EFFECT

April 27, 2023

- Zones 50 – H, I and J, are under evisceration order. Effective 12:01 am April 27 (the date the crab were landed) crab landed from zone 50 – I must be eviscerated by a licensed ODA seafood processor and cannot be sold whole. Effective 12:01 am May 1st

(the date zone I crab results were received) any crab landed from buffer zones 50 – H and J must be eviscerated by a licensed ODA seafood processor and cannot be sold whole. Traceability measures must be used to ensure whole crab are eviscerated.

- Recall: Whole or live crab landed from zone 50 – I are under a recall if harvested on or after 12:01 am April 27th. Recalled crab must be either eviscerated (gutted) or destroyed and denatured. Zones 50 – H and J are under an evisceration order as detailed above. There is no recall for crab harvested from zones 50 – H and J.

- Order Lifted: the evisceration order for buffer zones 50 – H and J has been lifted as of 12:01 am on 5/10/23 and the evisceration order for zone 50 – I has been lifted as of 12:01 am on 5/11/23.