

Regulatory Language

Section 29.45, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

29.45. Razor Clams.

(a) Open season:

(1) Notwithstanding subsections (a)(2), (a)(3) and (a)(4) razor clams may not be taken or possessed in Del Norte and Humboldt counties where the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, in consultation with the Director of the California Department of Public Health, has determined that razor clams contain unhealthy domoic acid levels and recommends closing the fishery. The open seasons specified in subsections (a)(2), (a)(3) and (a)(4) only apply at such time as the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, in consultation with the Director of the California Department of Public Health, determines that domoic acid levels in razor clams no longer pose a significant risk to public health and no longer recommends the fishery be closed. The department shall maintain a list of closed ocean waters of the state and update that list on Wednesday of each week by 1:00 pm. It shall be the responsibility of any person prior to taking razor clams to call (831) 649-2883 or go to the department's website at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Health-Advisories to obtain the current status of any ocean water.

(4)(2) Little River Beach in Humboldt County: Except as provided in subsection (a)(1), Betweenbetween Mad River and Strawberry Creek open only during even-numbered years; between Strawberry Creek and Moonstone Beach open only during odd-numbered years.

(2)(3) In Del Norte County: Except as provided in subsection (a)(1), Northnorth of Battery Point open only during odd-numbered years; south of Battery Point open only during even-numbered years.

(3)(4) All other areas: Open all year, except as provided in subsection (a)(1).

(b) Limit: Twenty. The first twenty clams dug must be retained as the bag limit regardless of size or broken condition.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 210, ~~219 and 220~~,219, 220, and 240, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200-202, 203.1, ~~205-210 and 215-222~~,205-210, 215-222 and 240, Fish and Game Code.