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TO: TOMALES BAY SHELLFISH GROWERS

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF TOMALES BAY TO SHELLFISH
HARVESTING DUE TO NOROVIRUS OUTBREAK

This is to confirm the email sent on January 3rd, 2019 at 3:30 PM that all shellfish harvesting in Tomales Bay is closed as of January 3rd at 3:30 PM due to a confirmed norovirus outbreak. This action was taken in accordance with your Shellfish Growing Area Certificate requirements, including Section IX of the 2018 Management Plan for Commercial Shellfishing in Tomales Bay, California.

On January 3rd, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Environmental Management Branch was informed by the CDPH Food & Drug Branch of 33 illness complaints due to the consumption of raw oysters from Tomales Bay. The leases implicated in the illness outbreak are M-430-10 and M-430-11 in the outer bay, and M-430-12 in the inner bay. CDPH will consider ending the illness closure for all or part of the bay pending receipt of negative results for norovirus testing of oyster samples collected on January 4th from the implicated leases which were submitted to the CDPH Food and Drug Laboratory in Richmond, California.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions please call me at (510) 412-4633.





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