



# COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

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February 2, 2016

Mr. Mark S. Ghilarducci, Director  
California Office of Emergency Services  
3650 Schriever Avenue  
Mather, CA 95655

Dear Mr. Ghilarducci:

As you are aware, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a public health advisory warning due to the detection of high levels of domoic acid found in California Dungeness crab. On November 5, 2015, the recreational crab season was put on hold by CDPH and on November 6, 2015, the commercial crab season was also put on hold by the State Fish and Game Commission.

To date there has been a tremendous economic impact to several industries in Mendocino County, including our fishing industry. Commercial fisheries that are impacted are already submitting Economic Injury Worksheets to OES that identify the impact over the same period in the prior year. As of January 26, 2016, five commercial fisheries have experienced a reported economic injury of \$1,447,256.

As the Emergency Services Director for the County of Mendocino, I am requesting that a U.S. Small Business Administration declaration be made on behalf of Mendocino County due to the economic injury from the Dungeness crab season suspension. We are also requesting that Cal OES seek all available assistance for our community given the impact this has had locally and throughout the State.

Sincerely,

Carmel J. Angelo, Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services  
County of Mendocino

cc: Ms. Karma Hackney, Recovery Operations  
Ms. Tami Bartolomei, Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services Coordinator