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The Half Moon Bay Seafood Marketing Association (HMBSMA) is a non-profit group of fishermen in California who have come together to provide a professional voice for their local industry. Our diverse membership represents seafood producers using all gear types, harvesting all local target species, and operating all sizes of commercial fishing businesses working out of Pillar Point Harbor near Half Moon Bay, California. Our membership is heavily invested and dependent on the California Dungeness Crab Fishery.

Based on the current factors and uncertainty surrounding the opening of Dungeness Crab season in District 10 and the Central Management area, HMBSMA is writing to request a slight delay in the opening of the season beyond the 11/21 set date. We would ask for this delay to be no longer than 7-10 days and that this time be used to provide clarity for management of the season moving forward.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Porter McHenry

President

Half Moon Bay Seafood Marketing Association