

Health officials: Don't eat Dungeness crab

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Do not – repeat, not – eat crab caught along much of the California coast until further notice. That's the stunning message issued Tuesday by health officials just days before Saturday's start of the recreational crab season, which may be delayed.

The California Department of Public Health is warning that potentially deadly levels of domoic acid have been found in Dungeness crab and rock crab caught along the coastline between Oregon and the southern border of Santa Barbara County.

As a result, the state Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment is recommending the Dungeness season be delayed and the rock crab fishery be closed.

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