

January 15, 2014

**NOTICE OF CONTINUATION OF THE  
CALIFORNIA SEA URCHIN COMMISSION**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (Department) held public hearings on October 23, 2013 in Fort Bragg, California and on October 25, 2013 in Los Alamitos, California to consider the continuation of the California Sea Urchin Commission (Commission). Such a process is required under the Commission Law to be conducted every five years to provide an opportunity for sea urchin divers and other interested parties to comment on the usefulness and effectiveness of the Commission.

Based on the testimony and evidence received during the hearing process, the Department has found that a substantial question does not exist among sea urchin divers as to whether the Commission is fulfilling its declared purposes. Therefore, the Department has approved the continuation of the California Sea Urchin Commission for five more years, through March 31, 2019

The California Sea Urchin Commission is a State marketing program authorized to conduct promotion and public relations, scientific research, governmental affairs, and educational activities relating to California's sea urchin industry. These activities are funded by mandatory assessments levied upon all commercial sea urchin divers in the state.

If you have questions regarding this notice or the Commission's activities, please contact David Goldenberg, Executive Director of the California Sea Urchin Commission, at (916) 933-7054 or Ben Kardokus with the Department's Marketing Branch at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,



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