

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 84- 23

POLICY STATEMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
CONTROL BOARD, SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION, REGARDING
PROTECTION OF SHELLFISHING IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY

WHEREAS:

1. The revised Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (basin plan), adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (Regional Board) on July 21, 1982, identifies shellfishing as a beneficial use of San Francisco Bay.
2. The Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 74-14, entitled "Policy Statement with Respect to the Implementation of Time Schedules for Facilities to Protect Shellfish", on February 19, 1974 which requires that wastewater treatment facilities protect shellfish and directs the Regional Board Executive Officer to implement a program to determine whether shellfish beds are or will be adequately protected from point and nonpoint sources of discharge.
3. The Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 78-8, entitled "Policy Statement With Respect to the Regional Board Program to Open San Francisco Bay Shellfish Beds for Direct Recreational Use", on March 21, 1978, which approved the general concepts and outline of a shellfish study.
4. The State and Regional Boards conducted a shellfish program investigation between 1978 and 1982 to evaluate problems preventing safe shellfishing in San Francisco Bay within two study areas (shown in Figures 1 and 2 of Regional Board Resolution No. 83-10) and to identify possible solutions.
5. The major findings of the shellfish program investigation are presented in Finding VI contained in Regional Board Resolution No. 83-10.
6. On July 20, 1983 and September 21, 1983, the Regional Board held public hearings and heard and considered all comments pertaining to this matter.

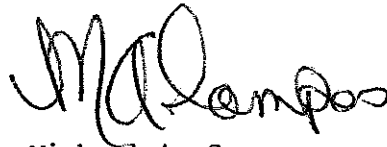
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the State Board approve the Regional Board's policy statement including the Regional Board's position on water quality issues identified by the shellfish program studies which are delineated in Regional Board Resolution No. 83-10.
2. That in approving this policy, the State Board recognizes that more detailed technical and economic analyses are necessary to develop specific regulatory activities to implement the Regional Board's shellfish policy, and that the costs involved in implementing any activity must bear a reasonable relationship to the benefits achieved.

3. That State Board approval of the San Francisco Bay shellfish policy does not constitute a commitment for future funding of any aspects of the program.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on March 15, 1984.



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Executive Director