



# THE CITY OF MONTEREY

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## **CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION EXTENDS OUTDOOR DINING ON OLD FISHERMAN'S WHARF THROUGH DECEMBER 2023**

Monterey, CA. – In response to a letter from then-Mayor Clyde Roberson dated October 21, 2022, on behalf of the Monterey City Council requesting outdoor dining continue to be allowed at Old Fisherman's Wharf (Wharf 1), the California Coastal Commission approved an extension of outdoor dining through December 2023.

The request by the City came after the Coastal Commission was considering disallowing outdoor dining that opened during the COVID-19 pandemic to help restaurant merchants maintain customers while reducing customers' exposure to COVID-19.

In their letter dated December 9, 2022, the Coastal Commission said, "We acknowledge the present difficulties that Wharf businesses continue to face with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic coupled with the seasonal surge in other respiratory illnesses, and we fully understand the role that outdoor dining plays in navigating this challenge." The Coastal Commission also expressed their strong support of the City and Wharf businesses as local partners during this time.

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