

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: N/A

From: (Public Agency): CA Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

(Address)

Project Title: Amend subsection 7.50(b)(91.1), Title 14, CCR, Re: Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location - Specific:

Del Norte, Siskiyou, and Humboldt counties

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: N/A

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Klamath River Basin is managed for Klamath River Fall-run Chinook Salmon through a cooperative system of State, federal, and tribal management agencies. The Fish and Game Commission has taken action to align State sport fishing regulations to federal fishery management goals.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Fish and Game Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15307, 15308
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

See attached.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Melissa Miller-Henson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 653-4899

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [] Yes [] No

Signature: Melissa A. Miller-Henson Date: 5/17/19 Title: Acting Executive Director

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

May 16, 2019

ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Adoption of Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing Regulations

Subsection (b)(91.1) of Section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) has taken final action with respect to the project mentioned above. On May 16, 2019, the Commission adopted sport fishing regulations for the Klamath River Basin consistent with the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) recommendations for this area. In taking this final action for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Pub. Resources Code §21000 et seq.), the Commission approved the amendment to the current regulations relying on the categorical exemption for "Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources" contained in CEQA Guidelines § 15307, and the categorical exemption for "Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment" contained in CEQA Guidelines § 15308. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§15307, 15308.)

Categorical Exemptions to Protect Natural Resources and the Environment

In adopting the amendment to the sport fishing regulations for the Klamath River Basin consistent with PFMC recommendations in 2019, the Commission relied for purposes of CEQA on the Class 7 and Class 8 categorical exemptions. The intent of the 2019 amendment to sport fishing regulations for the Klamath River Basin is to create scientifically-based Klamath River Basin salmon seasons, size limits, and bag and possession limits to ensure the maintenance of sufficient populations of salmon and their continued existence. Therefore, the activity is one that is the proper subject of CEQA's Class 7 and 8 categorical exemptions.