

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): CA Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: N/A

(Address)

Project Title: See attachment

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: Multiple (see attachment) Project Location - County: Multiple (see attachment)

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See attachment

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Fish and Game Code Section 7078(e)

Reasons why project is exempt:

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: 10/18/19 Title: Executive Director

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: _____

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Attachment to Notice of Exemption

Project Title

Amend sections 27.60, 28.60, 163, 163.1, 163.5, 164 and 705; add Section 28.62; add Article 6, sections 55.00, 55.01 and 55.02, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to the California Pacific Herring Fishery Management Plan Implementing Regulations.

Project Location

The project is located within state waters in coastal northern and central California, including San Francisco Bay, Tomales Bay, Humboldt Bay, and Crescent City Harbor, encompassing seven counties: San Mateo, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Humboldt, and Del Norte.

Project Description

The proposed project is the adoption of regulations to implement the fishery management plan for Pacific herring fishing under the State's jurisdiction. The project includes both commercial and recreational fishing as an element of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Pacific herring management program. Herring are primarily harvested commercially for their roe (eggs) during the months of January through March (spawning season) using small-mesh, set gill nets to take whole fish. Minor fisheries are also conducted for roe on kelp, human consumption, and bait purposes.

Reasons why Project is exempt

The Fish and Game Commission adopted the Herring Fishery Management Plan on October 10, 2019 prior to approving this project. The regulations that constitute this project are regulations implementing that Fishery Management Plan and thus explicitly fit within the referenced statute.