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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Chinook Salmon Coastal Release: Santa Cruz Wharf

Lead Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Project Location: Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Mokelumne River Hatchery (MOK) would deliver 160,000 Central Valley fall-run Chinook Salmon (CV FRCS) smolts to the Project location for direct release (if possible) at the designated location on Santa Cruz Wharf in Monterey Bay in 2021 and again in 2022. MBSTP is implementing this Project. CDFW would deliver MOK CV FRCS smolts to Santa Cruz Wharf in mid-May of 2021 and 2022. Exact dates and times would be scheduled as the time draws near and are dependent on fish size, growth rates, and environmental conditions in Monterey Bay. All smolts would be transported in a single trip each year, using 2-4 fish transport trucks (dependent upon loading density/fish size). Water in transport trucks would be salted prior to on-loading fish to initiate smoltification and aid in acclimation to the marine environment. If conditions do not allow for discharge from transport trucks on Santa Cruz Wharf, smolts would be discharged into a net barge in Santa Cruz Harbor (36.963907°, -122.002198°) and be towed out and released to the ocean as soon as is safely possible, and no more than 24 hours from offload. The Project's objective is to enhance the commercial and recreational salmon ocean fishery.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Project will not result in any significant nor potentially significant effects.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Coastal Comission, State Resources Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife