

Notice of Exemption

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From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Region
1933 Cliff Drive, Suite 9
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Project Title: Humboldt Bay Intake Entrainment Study

Project Location: Humboldt Bay

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to Tenera Environmental pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for research purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take Longfin Smelt and Coho Salmon during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for research. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to collect Longfin Smelt and Coho Salmon. The applicant will collect monthly larvae fish samples in Humboldt Bay using ichthyoplankton net tows from December 2021 through January 2023.

California Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Gery Cox, Tenera Environmental

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial;
- Declared Emergency;
- Emergency Project;
- Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Calif. Code Regs., § 15306, Information Collection, Class 6

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project involves sampling in Humboldt Bay which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to Longfin Smelt (*Spirinchus thaleichthys*) or Coho Salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), which are all listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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Signed by Lead Agency

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