NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, based on a "preliminary analysis", the acting lead agency intends to adopt a negative declaration for the project(s) listed on this notice.

A copy of the proposed Negative Declaration is available for public review at the Community Development Department, Planning Division, 981 H Street, Suite 110, Crescent City, CA, 95531.

The public review period for proposed negative declarations is <u>30</u> days from the date of this notice. This proposed negative declaration is intended for adoption by the Del Norte County Planning Commission as "lead agency". The Commission will consider the project(s) listed at the following hearing:

DATE OF HEARING: December 7, 2022

TIME OF HEARING: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE OF HEARING: 981 H Street, Suite 100 and VIA Zoom (media.del-norte.ca.us)

ITEM(S) TO BE CONSIDERED:

*** Use Permit for Lower Stotenburg Creek Fish Passage Project. The Smith River Alliance has submitted an application to implement a Coho salmon habitat enhancement project along the lower 0.5 mile stretch of Lower Stotenburg Creek. The overall purposed of the project is to improve juvenile salmonid passage, winter rearing habitat, and native riparian vegetation along the creek by 1) removing four crossing, two of which will be replaced and upgraded, 2) installing an engineered log jam, 400' of willow baffles, 5 large wood structures, and 5 beaver dam analogs, 3) recontouring the channel to enhance connection to the Smith River, and 4) controlling invasive and enhancing native riparian vegetation and installing cattle exclusion fencing. Special studies prepared for the project address the existing biological and botanical resources in the area. Mitigation measures are proposed to protect existing resources during construction. APN 105-020-050 & -068 – UP2303C located near 2900 S. Fred Haight Drive, Smith River, CA 95567.

DATE: October 17, 2022 Del Norte County

Planning Division

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