

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH # 2018082039

Project Title: Pacific Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and Regulatory Amendments

Lead Agency: California Fish and Game Commission Contact Person: Melissa Miller-Henson
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City: Sacramento Zip: 94244-2090 County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Multiple (see attachment) City/Nearest Community: Various

Cross Streets: n/a Zip Code:
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): Section: Various Twp.: Range: Base:
Assessor's Parcel No.: n/a Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Multiple Waterways: Multiple
Airports: Multiple Railways: Schools: Multiple

Document Type:

CEQA: [] NOP [] Draft EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] EA [] Final Document
[] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Draft EIS [] Other:
[] Mit Neg Dec Other: Environmental Document [] FONSI

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Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [X] Other: FMP

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Development Type:

[] Residential: Units Acres
[] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Educational:
[] Recreational:
[] Water Facilities: Type MGD
[] Transportation: Type
[] Mining: Mineral
[] Power: Type MW
[] Waste Treatment: Type MGD
[] Hazardous Waste: Type
[] Other:

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [X] Recreation/Parks [X] Vegetation
[] Agricultural Land [] Flood Plain/Flooding [] Schools/Universities [X] Water Quality
[] Air Quality [] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [] Septic Systems [] Water Supply/Groundwater
[] Archeological/Historical [] Geologic/Seismic [] Sewer Capacity [] Wetland/Riparian
[X] Biological Resources [] Minerals [] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [X] Growth Inducement
[X] Coastal Zone [X] Noise [] Solid Waste [] Land Use
[] Drainage/Absorption [X] Population/Housing Balance [] Toxic/Hazardous [X] Cumulative Effects
[X] Economic/Jobs [] Public Services/Facilities [X] Traffic/Circulation [] Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Commercial and recreational fishing in state waters, excluding marine protected areas that prohibit take

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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State Clearinghouse Contact: (916) 445-0613

State Review Began: 6-17-2019

SCH COMPLIANCE 7-31-2019

Project Sent to the following State Agencies

- X Resources
Boating & Waterways
Central Valley Flood Prot.
Coastal Comm
Colorado Rvr Bd
Conservation
CDFW # 1E/3
Cal Fire
Historic Preservation
Parks & Rec
Bay Cons & Dev Comm.
DWR
Cal EPA
ARB: Airport & Freight
ARB: Transportation Projects
ARB: Major Industrial/Energy Resources, Recycl. & Recovery
SWRCB: Div. of Drinking Water
SWRCB: Div. Drinking Wtr #
SWRCB: Div. Financial Assist.
SWRCB: Wtr Quality
SWRCB: Wtr Rights
Reg. WQCB # 1,2
Toxic Sub Ctrl-CTC
Yth/Adlt Corrections
Corrections
Independent Comm
Delta Protection Comm
Delta Stewardship Council
Energy Commission
NAHC
Public Utilities Comm
Santa Monica Bay Restoration
State Lands Comm
Tahoe Rgl Plan Agency
Conservancy
Other:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date June 17, 2019 Ending Date August 1, 2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____ Applicant: _____
 Address: _____ Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Contact: _____ Phone: _____
 Phone: _____

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Melissa A. Miller-Henson **Date:** 6/14/19

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Attachment to Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**Project Description**

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Minor fisheries are also conducted for roe on kelp, human consumption, and bait purposes. Once an FMP is adopted, regulations implementing the FMP and the State's policies for managing the commercial and recreational take of Pacific herring will be considered for inclusion in the California Code of Regulations (CCR). The proposed project includes recommendations for continuation, amendment, or change to an existing body of regulations (sections 27.60, 163, 163.5, and 164, Title 14, CCR). The recommendations are based on fishery modeling, biological assessments of existing stock conditions, and comments received from an FMP steering committee (composed of fishery representatives and members of the conservation community), interested individuals, commercial fishermen, and from the Department Director's Herring Advisory Committee.

The Pacific herring FMP would further refine and implement the long-term management objectives as well as meet requirements for fisheries management under the Marine Life Management Act. The FMP would serve as the framework to manage the commercial and recreational fisheries for Pacific herring in accordance with Fish and Game Code (sections 8850-8559, and 7078). Amendments to existing regulations, if adopted, will implement the FMP pursuant to Fish and Game Code sections 7072, 7075, and 7080-7088.

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.

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