

## Notice of Determination

**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research    **FROM:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to § 21108 of the Public Resources Code**  
State Clearinghouse Number: 2000042093

Project Title: Huffman and Sultan Bars, Smith River Gravel Extraction

Project Location: Del Norte County, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 105-042-023 (Sultan) and 105-260-014 (Huffman).

Project Description: The project is limited to two encroachments for aggregate extraction from the Huffman and Sultan Bars of the Smith River, Del Norte County. The Permittee proposes to extract up to a total of 75,000 cubic yards of gravel from the Huffman Bar (up to 50,000 cubic yards) and the Sultan Bar (up to 25,000 cubic yards) extraction sites every year. The Permittee shall remove gravel only from those areas where the Permittee has secured legal entitlement to such gravel. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term legal entitlement is defined as all project conditions, methods, place of operation, and project descriptions contained within the project's Del Norte County Use Permit #8109 and reclamation plan that have been approved by Del Norte County. All work shall be as specified in the Permittee's notification, pre-extraction plan (reviewed and approved by CDFW); and all other supporting environmental documents (including but not limited to the Negative Declaration approved by the Del Norte County Planning Commission, July 5, 2000; State Clearinghouse Number 2000042093), except as otherwise indicated in the Project Conditions of this Agreement.

Aggregate extraction consists of removal of alluvial material from the Huffman and Sultan bars on the Smith River. Extraction would be conducted with scrapers, excavators, bulldozers, loaders and dump trucks. Aggregate would be scraped or excavated from the bar surfaces and hauled to an approved rock processing facility. Extraction would occur during the summer low-flow period when alluvial deposits are exposed. Fisheries enhancement or off-channel extractions may be included that involve connection of extraction areas to the wetted channel or removal of sparse woody riparian vegetation. Aggregate extraction methods and volumes are consistent with the approved annual extraction work plans.

This is to advise that the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), acting as  the lead agency /  a responsible agency approved the above-described project and has made the following determinations:

1. The project  will /  will not have a significant effect on the environment. (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's jurisdiction when CDFW acts as a responsible agency.)
2.  A program environmental impact report /  A negative declaration /  A timber harvesting plan was prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures  were /  were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations  was /  was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. Findings  were /  were not made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
6. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
  - Payment is submitted with this notice.
  - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment is on file with CDFW.
  - A copy of the CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form signed by the Department is attached to this notice.

- Lead Agency certification: CDFW, as Lead Agency, has made the final PEIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, available to the General Public at the CDFW office identified above.
- Responsible Agency statement: The final ND that was prepared by the Lead Agency for this project is available to the General Public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's CEQA Findings are available at the CDFW office identified above.

Signed: Scott Bauer  
Scott Bauer, Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

Date: 6/4/2020

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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