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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(Public Resources Code section 21108)**

File Ref: A4564
SCH#: 2013072021
Item: 58

Title: Low-Energy Offshore Geophysical Permit Program (OGPP) Update

Applicant: Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute

Location: Offshore, in State Marine Waters (as defined in title 2, Cal. Code of Regs., sec. 2100.03(h)), from the mean high tide line to 3 miles offshore including granted or ungranted tidelands and submerged lands.

Description: The California State Lands Commission has statutory authority, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6826, to issue geophysical permits in State waters to qualified permittees for the use of low energy geophysical equipment to perform geophysical surveys of the ocean bottom, subject to specified terms and conditions. The State Lands Commission action is issuing a 3-year non-exclusive geophysical survey permit through June 6, 2027.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as Lead Agency Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on June 7, 2024, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3) Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was or was not adopted for this project.
- 5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for the project.
- 6) Findings were were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) was prepared for this project by the California State Lands Commission and adopted on September 20, 2013, as modified by the addendum to the MND and revised General Permit and MMP, adopted on April 23, 2014. The MND, addendum, and the record of project approval may be examined at the above shown California State Lands Commission Sacramento office address.

**DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AND POSTING BY THE
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