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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Title: Letter of Non-Objection to Install Dynamometers in Tide Pools at Two sites in near Monterey and Two sites in near Santa Cruz and Sample/Specimen Collection at all Four Sites, Located in the Pacific Ocean, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties

Location: Sovereign land at four sites along the California coast near the cities of Monterey and Santa Cruz, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.

Description: Authorize approval for Moss Landing Marine Laboratories to install dynamometers in tide pools at two sites in near Monterey and two sites in near Santa Cruz and sample/specimen collection at all four sites. The research is examining the byssal thread strength of the California mussel (*Mytilus californianus*) in exposed versus protected microhabitats.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Moss Landing Marine Laboratories

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306)

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a letter of non-objection for the above-mentioned activity(ies) will cause only a minor physical change in the environment and will not change existing activities in the area. There are no unusual circumstances surrounding the project that will result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemption applies.

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