

Notice of Exemption**To:**

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From:

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Project Title: East Branch Russian Gulch Fish Passage Barrier Removal (Request No. 1652-2019-030-001-R3)

Project Applicant: Brook Edwards, The Wildlands Conservancy.

Project Location (include county): Jenner Headlands Preserve at 15200 Willing Drive, within Jenner, Sonoma County. The Project locations are all along the East Branch of Russian Gulch. Latitude 38.48103, Longitude -123.1306.

Project Description: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1652, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the East Branch Russian Gulch Fish Passage Barrier Removal submitted by Brook Edwards, The Wildlands Conservancy.

The Project includes removal of major log jams in six locations within the East Branch of Russian Gulch to improve fish passage for federally and state endangered and threatened salmonid species. The removal of the log jams would enable salmonid access to three miles of upstream rearing and spawning habitat. Large woody debris sourced from the log jams would be re-purposed to improve stream function and habitat complexity. A seventh project site (Site 3) was intended for log jam removal, however large storm events have opened a flow path through the blockage and does not present a barrier to fish passage. All seven project locations will be monitored for project success.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Brook Edwards, The Wildlands Conservancy

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 33 California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15333

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 33 consists of small projects not to exceed 5 acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife.

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