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Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Project Title: Tidestrom's Lupine and Dudley's Lousewort Seed Collection for Long-term Conservation Storage Project (Project)

Project Location: The Project will take place at Asilomar State Beach in Monterey County, Sonoma Coast State Park in Sonoma County, and Portola Redwoods State Park in San Mateo County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) [Permit No. 2081(a)-20-010-RP] pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081(a) for a project to collect seeds from two state-listed plant species: Tidestrom's lupine (*Lupinus tidestromii* var. *tidestromii*) and Dudley's lousewort (*Pedicularis dudleyi*). Seed will be collected June through August 2020. Up to five percent of the seed production will be collected from each population. A voucher specimen will be collected from each Tidestrom's lupine population if the population is large enough that collection will not impact population viability. Voucher specimens and seeds will be submitted to one of the following institutions for long-term conservation storage: (1) California Botanic Garden in Claremont; (2) Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank at Portland State University, Portland, Oregon; (3) Santa Barbara Botanic Garden in Santa Barbara; (4) UC Botanical Garden at UC Berkeley; (5) UC Santa Cruz Arboretum and Botanic Garden; or (6) the National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation in Fort Collins, Colorado. Plant material may be temporarily stored and processed at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Park in Berkeley.

California Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amy Patten, Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Manager, CNPS

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial;
- ☐ Declared Emergency;
- ☐ Emergency Project;
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Section 15307, Class 7

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project will facilitate conservation of Tidestrom's lupine and Dudley's lousewort and consists of actions to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of these species. The permit issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Project includes measures to ensure that existing populations of Tidestrom's lupine and Dudley's lousewort are not impacted.

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