

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Marine Region  
1933 Cliff Drive, Suite 9  
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**Project Title:** Humboldt State University ongoing education and research in the marine and estuarine sciences in Humboldt County

**Project Location:** Humboldt Bay, Trinidad Harbor

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to Humboldt State University pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) to collect and sample marine organisms for Humboldt State University ongoing education and research in the marine and estuarine sciences in Humboldt County. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes Humboldt State University to incidentally take Longfin Smelt and Coho Salmon during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for educational opportunities for Humboldt State University students in estuarine and marine waters off of Humboldt County, California.

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

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Grant Eberle, Principle Investigator, Humboldt State University

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial;
- Declared Emergency;
- Emergency Project;
- Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Section 15306, Information Collection, Class 6.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project involves periodic sampling and collections in estuarine and marine waters which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to Longfin Smelt, *Spirinchus thaleichthys*, or Coho Salmon, *Oncorhynchus kisutch*, both listed as threatened species.

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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** July 13, 2020

Craig Shuman, Regional Manager, Marine Region

Signed by Lead Agency      Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_