

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
3637 Westwind Blvd.
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

County Clerk
County of: N/A

(Address)

Project Title: Risk Assessment Mitigation Program - Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location - Specific:
State water where crabs are fished commercially

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: N/A

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The proposed project would establish a program to minimize the risk of marine life entanglements with commercial Dungeness crab gear.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 7 & 8; 14 CCR 15307 & 15308
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
Categories 7 and 8 exempt agency actions for the protection of natural resources and the environment, respectively. The proposed project would reduce potential interactions between crab traps and the marine environment and improve the fishery's management overall (See Attachment).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Ryan Bartling Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 576-2877

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 8/27/2010 Title: Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: