

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

County Clerk
County of: NA

Project Title: Add Sec. 91 and Amend Sec. 90, 120.1, 180 and 704; and Amend Sec. 149 and Repeal Sec. 149.3, Title 14, CCR,, Title 14, CCR, Re: Implementation of Experimental Fishing Permit Program (Phase II) and Repeal of Nonoperational Experimental Market Squid Vessel Permits

Project Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

Project Location - Specific: Statewide

Project Location - City: NA

Project Location - County: NA

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project would establish a statewide Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Program to gather information for improving fisheries management by allowing researchers and fishers to engage in commercial or recreational marine fishing activities that are otherwise prohibited pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1022. See attachment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Fish and Game Commission

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 6, 7, and 8; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15306, 15307, 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is exempt because it will establish a regulatory framework for implementing an EFP program, and will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. CEQA Guidelines §§15306, 15307, and 15308 exempt such a project for the purposes of information-gathering and regulatory agency actions to protect natural resources and the environment, respectively. See attachment

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Melissa Miller-Henson

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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: 74DED80ABE5A488...

Date: 1/7/2022

Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant.

Date Received for filing at OPR: