

# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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<b>SCH #</b>
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**Project Title:** Chinook Salmon Coastal Release: Pillar Point Harbor

Lead Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Contact Person: Robyn Bilski  
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 City: Sacramento, CA Zip: 92444-2090 County: Sacramento

**Project Location:** County: San Mateo County City/Nearest Community: Half Moon Bay  
 Cross Streets: Johnson Pier and Pillar Point Harbor Blvd Zip Code: 94019

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37°30'04.6"N 122°28'57.8"W Total Acres: NA

Assessor's Parcel No.: NA Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 1 Waterways: Denniston Creek, Deer Creek, Pillar Point Harbor, Half Moon Bay  
 Airports: Half Moon Bay Airport Railways: NA Schools: Picasso, Wilkinson, El Granada

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: Fish release

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: Juvenile Chinook Salmon release  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: Green house gas

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Coastal Zone

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The CFC proposes to release 750,000 juvenile hatchery-origin Central Valley fall-run Chinook Salmon into Pillar Point Harbor in 2022, 2023 and 2024. Juvenile salmon will be fractionally tagged with a Coded-Wire Tag (CWT) and marked with an adipose fin-clip at a rate of 25% of the total number of released fish, which matches requirements for mitigation and enhancement fish. The CFC, in anticipation of fish delivery from MOK to the Pillar Point Harbor, has secured necessary equipment. CFC is prepared to provide both staffing and logistical support to facilitate release of fish at the Project location. This includes necessary boats provided and operated by CFC to assist with net pen movement and release of smolts.  
 CFC will provide, assemble, and deploy a floating net pen that has an inner net to contain juvenile salmon, an outer net to exclude predators, and overall net to exclude birds, and an automated feeder. Fish will be delivered from the MOK on a weekly basis in increments of approximately 250,000 fish using CDFW hatchery trucks. Once fish are delivered into the net pen, it will be towed by CFC volunteers to an existing mooring location in outer Pillar Point Harbor. Fish will be acclimated in the floating net pen for 5 days at which point, CFC will tow the net pen outside of the harbor and the inner net will be removed to allow the juvenile salmon to escape into the ocean. The fish will be released in the outer harbor on an outgoing tide to facilitate their rapid exit to the ocean and to minimize in-harbor predation. CFC will then tow the net pen back to Johnson Pier for the next delivery, or if all deliveries have been completed, to the Pillar Point launch ramp for cleaning, disassembly, and storage.  
 CFC Chinook Salmon Coastal Release Project in Pillar Point Harbor will release 750,000 fish each year, in the spring of 2022, 2023 and 2024. This project is contingent upon CDFW approval after completion of CEQA. Project results will be assessed using data acquired from CDFW landings, carcass surveys, and monitoring programs.

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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Jay Rowan Date: 2/28/2022

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.