

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

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

Project Title: Testing Sub Sea Sonics Pop-Up Gear in the California Dungeness Crab Fishery

Project Applicant: Bart Chadwick

Project Location - Specific: Waters off the coast of California between the California/Oregon border (42° N. latitude) and Point Conception (37° 11' N. latitude).

Project Location - City: NA

Project Location - County: Multiple

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Experimental fishing permit (EFP) to test the commercial use of Sub Sea Sonics' timed- and acoustic-release pop-up gear systems in conjunction with Longsoaker Fishing System's Guardian line management system in the Dungeness crab fishery to collect information to inform future alternative gear certification under the California Dungeness Crab Fishing Gear Working Group Risk Assessment Mitigation Program.

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: Class 6 Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

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:  Date: 2/15/2023 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant.

Date Received for filing at OPR: