

**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:** Educational Collections for Cal Poly Humboldt's Fred Telonicher Marine Lab

**Project Location:** Coastal and nearshore waters of Humboldt County

**Project Description:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for educational and scientific purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take Longfin Smelt (*Spirinchus thaleichthys*), Coho Salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) during the course of collections, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for the California State Polytechnic University Humboldt's Fred Telonicher Marine Laboratory's research studies and permanent collections. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture Longfin Smelt, Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon, and steelhead trout during sampling. The applicant will conduct year-round research and permanent collection sampling of nearshore and estuarine fishes, invertebrates, and phytoplankton through the use of hook & line, bottom trawls, plankton nets, beach seines, and squid jigs through December 31, 2026.

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

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Grant Eberle, California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project involves research and permanent collection sampling within nearshore and offshore waters within Humboldt County which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to Longfin Smelt, Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon, or steelhead trout which are all listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Craig Shuman, Regional Manager, Marine Region*

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