

Notice of Exemption

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From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Region
1933 Cliff Drive, Suite 9
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Project Title: Bolsa Chica Conservancy Educational Programs

Project Location: Nearshore waters of the counties of Los Angeles and Orange

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the Bolsa Chica Conservancy pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for educational purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*) during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for the Bolsa Chica Conservancy's educational programs. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture steelhead trout during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round permanent collection sampling of nearshore fishes and invertebrates through the use of hook & line – surface and beach seines through December 31, 2025.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Carissa Macias, Bolsa Chica Conservancy


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 permanent collection sampling within nearshore waters in Los Angeles and Orange counties which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to steelhead trout which are listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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