Notice of Exemption_

To: Office of Planning and Research PO Box 3044 From: Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Region 1933 Cliff Drive. Suite 9

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Project Title: Comparative Transcriptomics of Shark Intestines

Project Location: Nearshore waters of the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Monterey

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to Kenia Zavala Regalado of California State University, San Bernadino (CSUSB) pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for educational purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and 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 Kenia Zavala Regalado's study of shark species digestion. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture coho salmon, Chinook salmon, and steelhead trout during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round research of elasmobranch and coastal pelagic species through the use of hook & line swimbait and hook & line – baited dropper loop through January 31, 2026.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kenia Zavala Regalado, CSUSB

Exempt Sta	atus:				
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☐ Categorical Exemption. Type and section number: Calif. Code Regs., § 15306, Information Collection, Class 6					
Reasons why project is exempt: The Project involves research sampling within nearshore waters of the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Monterey which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to coho salmon, Chinook salmon, or steelhead trout which are all listed under the California Endangered Species Act.					
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Signature:	Craig Shuman, Regional Manager, I	Marine Region	Date:	1/29/2024	
□s	igned by Lead Agency	Date Received for fili	ng at OPR:		