

**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:** The Marine Science Floating Lab

**Project Location:** Los Angeles County (Long Beach Harbor, Los Angeles Harbor, and San Pedro Bay)

**Project Description:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the Los Angeles County Office of Education 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 Los Angeles County Office of Education’s Marine Science Floating Lab which is an educational field study program investigating ocean biodiversity and oceanic resources for 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture steelhead trout during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round educational sampling of nearshore marine species through the use of an otter trawl through December 31, 2025.

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

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Shaun Hawke, Los Angeles County Office of Education


**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 educational sampling within Los Angeles Harbor, Long Beach Harbor, and San Pedro Bay 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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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 4/10/2024  
*Craig Shuman, Regional Manager, Marine Region*

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