

**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:** Colorado Lagoon and Los Cerritos Wetlands Ecological Monitoring Program

**Project Location:** Los Angeles County (Colorado Lagoon, Los Cerritos Wetland, Jack Dunster Marine Biological Reserve); Orange County (Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge)

**Project Description:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the Tidal Influence LLC 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 Tidal Influence LLC's Colorado Lagoon and Los Cerritos Wetlands Ecological Monitoring Program. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture steelhead trout during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round research of tidal wetland species through the use of beach seines December 31, 2025.

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

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Eric Zahn, Tidal Influence LLC

**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 sampling within tidal wetlands and lagoons in Colorado Lagoon, Los Cerritos Wetland, Jack Dunster Marine Biological Reserve, and Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge 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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Signed by Lead Agency

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