

## 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:** Research activities in support of improving the climate resilience of Northern California Tribal Fisheries

**Project Location:** Del Norte and Humboldt Counties (North Beach; South Beach; Kellogg Beach Park; Gold Bluffs Beach; Hidden Beach County Park; Mad River County Park; Humboldt Bay; Centerville Beach County Park)

**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 scientific purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially take longfin smelt (*Spirinchus thaleichthys*), 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 the California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt in support of tribal fisheries climate resilience capacity building activities. The applicant will conduct year-round research of redbtail surfperch, surf smelt, and night smelt along with various other marine invertebrate and fish species through the use of hook & line – baited dropper loop, beach seine, and bottom trawls through December 31, 2027.

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

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Dr. Jose Marin Jarrin, 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 sampling within nearshore waters of Del Norte and Humboldt counties 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:** 5/13/2024  
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Signed by Lead Agency

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