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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Title: Letter of Non-Objection for the Accelerating North Coast Kelp Recovery Project

Location: Pacific Ocean at Albion Cove and Big River, Mendocino County

Description: Request to conduct a research project on State sovereign land in the Pacific Ocean to explore two approaches to kelp recovery: 1) grazer suppression of purple urchin and 2) kelp enhancement of canopy-forming bull kelp.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): The Nature Conservancy

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (e)(3))

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a letter of non-objection to conduct a research project to explore kelp recovery will only cause a minor physical change in the environment and will not change existing activities in the area. There are no unusual circumstances surrounding the project that will result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemption applies.

**DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AND POSTING BY THE
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alexandra Borack', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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