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from Voice Phone 800.735.2929
or for Spanish 800.855.3000**Contact Phone: 916.574.1890****NOTICE OF EXEMPTION****Title:** Letter of Non-Objection for the Accelerating North Coast Kelp Recovery Project**Location:** Pacific Ocean at Albion Cove, Big River, and Noyo Harbor, 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. The Pacific Ocean, at Noyo Harbor, is land granted to the Noyo Harbor District pursuant to Chapter 555, Stats. 1961.**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.

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