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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Title: Letter of Non-Objection to Conduct Research and Educational Activities

Location: Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary at Bodega Marine Reserve, Pacific Ocean, offshore of Sonoma County

Description: Request to conduct research and educational activities to generate data on population and community dynamics, changing ocean conditions and effects on marine organisms, ecosystem functioning, ecology, physiology, acidification, larval dispersal and settlement, phytoplankton blooms, upwelling, anomalies / rare events, and populations expansions..

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Bodega Marine Reserve, University of California at Davis

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (e)(3) and (e)(5))

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a letter of non-objection to conduct scientific studies 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**

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