

**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:** Ichthyoplankton of Humboldt Bay

**Project Location:** Humboldt Bay (Humboldt County)

**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 educational purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take longfin smelt (*Spirinchus thaleichthys*) and coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) 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's research studies. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture longfin smelt and coho salmon during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round research sampling of ichthyoplankton species using plankton nets through December 31, 2027.

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

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Kaiden Walton, 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 Humboldt Bay which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to longfin smelt or coho salmon which are listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 12/20/2024  
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Signed by Lead Agency

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