

**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:** San Francisco Bay Elasmobranch Monitoring & Research

**Project Location:** San Francisco Bay (Counties of San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, Marin, Sonoma, Contra Costa, & Santa Clara); Humboldt Bay (Humboldt County); La Jolla (San Diego County)

**Project Description:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the University of California, Davis pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for scientific purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially take Southern Oregon/Northern California ESU and California Central Coast ESU coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), Sacramento River winter-run ESU and Central Valley spring-run ESU Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Southern California DPS steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*), and white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for a research study on various elasmobranch species. The applicant will conduct year-round research sampling of elasmobranch species throughout California through the use of hook & line – surface and hook & line – baited dropper loops through December 31, 2027.

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

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Meghan Holst, University of California, Davis


**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 San Francisco Bay, Humboldt Bay, and La Jolla which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to coho salmon, Chinook salmon, steelhead trout, or white sturgeon which are all listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 2/11/2025  
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Signed by Lead Agency

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