

Notice of Exemption

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From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Region
1933 Cliff Drive, Suite 9
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Project Title: Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center Educational Sampling

Project Location: San Francisco Bay (Johnson's Landing, Hayward Landing & Eden Landing)

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center 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*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), and Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center's educational sampling. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture longfin smelt, coho salmon, and Chinook salmon during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round educational sampling of nearshore marine species through the use of hook & line, landing nets, and fish traps through December 31, 2027.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Deborah Varner, Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center


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 educational sampling within San Francisco Bay waters which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to longfin smelt, coho salmon, or Chinook salmon which are all listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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Signed by Lead Agency

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