

Notice of Exemption

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: Collection of local species for community education and conservation

Project Location: San Diego County (Mission Bay and Point Loma)

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the Living Coast Discovery Center pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for educational purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*) during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for the Living Coast Discovery Center's permanent collections. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture Southern California Distinct Population Segment steelhead trout during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round permanent collection sampling of nearshore marine species through the use of beach seines, hoop nets, hook & line – baited dropper loop, hook & line – baited shrimp fly, hook & line – swimbait, hook & line – unbaited shrimp fly, hook & line – squid jig, and hook & line – surface through December 31, 2027.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ben Vallejos, Living Coast Discovery 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 permanent collection sampling within nearshore habitats of San Diego County (Mission Bay and Point Loma) which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to steelhead trout which are listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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Signed by Lead Agency

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