

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Commercial Fishing Modernization Project

Lead Agency: Oxnard Harbor District

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Project Location: Port Hueneme & Ventura
City

Ventura
County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project consists of two sites in Ventura County. The first site is located at 333 Ponoma Street at the Port of Hueneme, Oxnard Harbor District, located in the City of Port Hueneme. The second site is located at 1449 Spinnaker Drive within the Ventura Harbor in the City of Ventura. The project proposes to construct a new commercial squid offloading facility in the Ventura Harbor. The new facility would increase the landing capacity to offload, process, and transport commercial squid at the Ventura Harbor to allow Ventura Harbor to process squid previously processed through the Port of Hueneme. The existing commercial squid offloading facilities at the Port of Hueneme would then be demolished. To minimize disruption to existing fishing operations, the project would be implemented over four phases, which are anticipated to commence as early as 2027. Specifically, a new 7-bay offloading facility, 5,000-square-foot commercial fishing building, 4,900-square-foot commercial fishing building, and 1,344 square feet of expanded restaurant space would be construct at Ventura Harbor, and the existing 5,500-square-foot squid offloading facility in the Port of Hueneme would be demolished and the area paved for expanded cargo storage and sorting space.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Biological Resources: MM BIO-1 is required to ensure the project would not interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery site.

Cultural Resources: MM CUL-1 is required to ensure the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to [CEQA Guidelines] §15064.5.

Geology & Soils: MM GEO-1 is required to ensure the project would not directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature.

Transportation: MM TR-1 is required to ensure the project would not substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment). MM TR-2 is required to ensure the project would not result in inadequate emergency access.

Tribal Cultural Resources: MM TCR-1, MM TCR-2, and MM TCR-3 are required to ensure that the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074.

See attached for full language of these required mitigation measures.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Ventura Port District is a responsible agency.

Required mitigation measures for The Port of Hueneme/Oxnard Harbor District's Commercial Fishing Modernization Project from the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

MM BIO-1 Nesting Bird Survey If Project work is to occur during the typical nesting season (between February 1 and September 31), a nesting bird survey shall be conducted by a biologist prior to the commencement of construction activities at the Ventura Harbor site. Surveys should occur within the Project Site and a 300- foot buffer, as accessible, prior to commencing construction work for the Project. The nesting bird survey must be completed no more than five days prior to work. If work does not begin within five days of the survey date, a subsequent survey must be conducted. If an active nest is discovered, the biologist shall establish an avoidance buffer around the nest until the young have fledged.

Nest Avoidance Buffer: If nesting birds are identified during the surveys, the biologist shall determine an appropriate disturbance-free (i.e., no-work-zone) buffer (typically between 100 and 500 feet) depending on the species and Project activities. Buffer zones should be clearly demarcated in the field for avoidance by construction activities. The size of an established buffer may be altered if the biologist conducts behavioral observations and determines the nesting birds would not be affected by the Project activities. If this occurs, the biologist shall prescribe a modified buffer that allows sufficient room to prevent undue disturbance/harassment to the nesting birds. If the buffer is reduced, the biologist shall remain on site to monitor the behavior of the nesting birds during construction in order to ensure that the reduced buffer does not result in take of eggs or nestlings. No construction or earth-moving activity shall occur within the established buffer until it is determined by the biologist that the young have fledged (are no longer dependent on the nest or the adults for feeding) and have attained sufficient flight skills to avoid project construction zones. If a biologist is not hired to monitor the nest, then the full buffer(s) shall be maintained in place from February 1 to September 31. The buffer may be removed, and work may proceed as otherwise planned within the buffer on October 1.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

MM CUL-1: In the event that previously unidentified cultural resources are encountered during ground disturbing activities, work in the immediate area must halt and a qualified archaeologist (in accordance with City of Ventura standards) must be contacted immediately to evaluate the find. If the discovery proves to be significant under CEQA, the qualified archaeologist shall expeditiously prepare and implement a research design and archaeological data recovery plan that captures those categories of data for which the site is significant in accordance with Section 15064.5 of the *CEQA Guidelines*.

GEOLOGY & SOILS

MM GEO-1 In the event paleontological resources are discovered during construction or grading, all work shall be halted within 50 feet of the discovery and a Paleontological Resource Mitigation Plan shall be prepared by a qualified paleontologist to address assessment

and recovery of the resource. A final report documenting any found resources, their recovery, and disposition shall be prepared in consultation with either the Ventura Port District of the Port of Hueneme (depending on location of the find), and a copy of the report shall be provided to the City of Ventura or the City of Port Hueneme, as applicable.

TRANSPORTATION

MM TR-1 Prior to issuance of a demolition permit at the Ventura Harbor, the Ventura Harbor in coordination with the City of Ventura and shall conduct a Level of Service analysis to evaluate the total increase in intersection traffic at the Project driveway and Spinnaker Drive. The LOS analysis shall include at a minimum:

- Analysis of up to four (4) intersections (including Project driveway) and four (4) roadway segments and truck queuing analysis (on and off site)
- Evaluation of existing and existing plus project conditions
- Analysis and documentation of traffic conditions, project impacts, and mitigation requirements for cumulative without Project and cumulative with project conditions
- Identification of any necessary transportation improvements, including determination if traffic impact mitigation fees are necessary.
- Recommendations related to truck queuing and safety, including need for idling restrictions on location and timing as well as queuing restrictions.

MM TR-2 Prior to the issuance of demolition activities, the Project Applicant shall prepare and submit a traffic management plan (TMP) for the Ventura Port District, City of Ventura City Engineer, and the Ventura Fire Department for review and approval. The TMP shall include traffic control measures that would minimize the off-site traffic circulation along Spinnaker Drive. These control measures would include, but are not limited to:

- In the event that construction activities and equipment require temporary closure of the Spinnaker Drive northbound lane, closure signs and detour signs shall be placed temporarily along the front of the site to help re-route traffic.
- Trained personnel shall be retained to serve as traffic control personnel to direct traffic safely through or around a construction zone, especially when heavy equipment is crossing to the site from the construction staging areas.
- Secure fencing shall be placed on site during construction to separate pedestrians and vehicles from construction areas.

TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

MM TCR-1 Retain a Native American Monitor Prior to Commencement of Ground-Disturbing Activities.

1. The Project Applicant/Lead Agency shall retain a Native American Monitor from or approved by the appropriate California Native American tribes. The monitor shall be retained prior to the commencement of any “ground-disturbing activity” for the subject project at all project locations (i.e., both on-site and any off-site locations that are included in the project description/definition and/or required in connection with the project, such as public improvement work). “Ground-disturbing activity” shall include, but is not limited to, demolition, pavement removal, potholing, auguring, grubbing, tree removal, boring, grading, excavation, drilling, and trenching.
2. A copy of the executed monitoring agreement shall be submitted to the Lead Agency prior to the earlier commencement of any ground-disturbing activity, or the issuance of any permit necessary to commence a ground-disturbing activity.
3. The monitor will complete daily monitoring logs that will provide descriptions of the relevant ground-disturbing activities, the type of construction activities performed, locations of ground-disturbing activities, soil types, cultural-related materials, and any other facts, conditions, materials, or discoveries of significance to the Tribe. Monitor logs will identify and describe any discovered TCRs, including but not limited to, Native American cultural and historical artifacts, remains, places of significance, etc., (collectively, tribal cultural resources, or “TCR”), as well as any discovered Native American (ancestral) human remains and burial goods. Copies of monitor logs will be provided to the Project Applicant/Lead Agency upon written request to the Tribe.
4. On-site tribal monitoring shall conclude upon the latter of the following (1) written confirmation to the appropriate California Native American tribes from a designated point of contact for the Project Applicant/Lead Agency that all ground-disturbing activities and phases that may involve ground-disturbing activities on the project site or in connection with the project are complete; or (2) a determination and written notification by the appropriate California Native American tribes to the Project Applicant/Lead Agency that no future, planned construction activity and/or development/construction phase at the project site possesses the potential to impact the TCRs outlined in this Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

MM TCR-2 Unanticipated Discovery of Tribal Cultural Resource Objects (Non-Funerary/Non-Ceremonial)

Upon discovery of any TCRs, all construction activities in the immediate vicinity of the discovery shall cease (i.e., not less than the surrounding 50 feet) and shall not resume until the discovered TCR has been fully assessed by the appropriate California Native American tribe monitor and/or archaeologist.

The appropriate California Native American tribe will recover and retain all discovered TCRs in the form and/or manner the Tribe deems appropriate, in the Tribe's sole discretion, and for any purpose the Tribe deems appropriate, including for educational, cultural and/or historic purposes.

MM TCR-3

Unanticipated Discovery of Human Remains and Associated Funerary or Ceremonial Objects

1. Native American human remains are defined in PRC 5097.98 (d)(1) as an inhumation or cremation, and in any state of decomposition or skeletal completeness. Funerary objects, called associated grave goods in Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, are also to be treated according to this statute.
2. If Native American human remains and/or grave goods are discovered or recognized on the project site, then Public Resource Code 5097.9 as well as Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 shall be followed.
3. Human remains and grave/burial goods shall be treated alike per California Public Resources Code section 5097.98(d)(1) and (2).
4. Preservation in place (i.e., avoidance) is the preferred manner of treatment for discovered human remains and/or burial goods.
5. Any discovery of human remains/burial goods shall be kept confidential to prevent further disturbance.