

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: Fisheries Inventory & Utilization Study in San Diego Bay

Project Location: San Diego Bay (Chula Vista Bayside Park; Shelter Island Shoreline Park; Crown Cove; Coronado Tidelands Regional Park; Silver Strand State Beach)

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to Occidental College pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for scientific purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for the Occidental College's research study on habitat utilization and fish populations within San Diego Bay. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture steelhead trout during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round research sampling of fish species within San Diego Bay through the use of beach seines, purse seines, beam trawl, and bottom trawls through December 31, 2027.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jonathan Williams, Occidental College


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 Diego Bay 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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