NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022120009

Project Title: California State University Maritime Academy Waterfront Master Plan Phase 1 Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2081-2024-048-07 Major Amendment 1 (ITP))

Project Location (Solano): The Project is located in the waters of Morrow Cove and San Pablo Bay, within the City of Vallejo, Solano County, California. The Project Area is on the north shore of the Carquinez Strait and slightly southeast of the terminus of the Napa River which connects northward through the Mare Island Strait (38.066126, -122.230449).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an amended ITP (No. 2081-2024-048-07), pursuant to Section 2081(b) of the Fish and Game Code to California State University Maritime Academy.

This proposed project involves upgrades to in-water infrastructure, marine yard, and expansion of onsite utilities in order to accommodate the incoming National Security Multi-Mission Vessel. In-water infrastructure includes the replacement of an existing pier, breakwater, boat basin reconfiguration, and new work dredging to accommodate the new vessel. California State University Maritime Academy requested additional time to complete previously approved in-water work activities, an increase in dredged material from 15,000 cubic yards to 40,000 cubic yards within the previous approved dredged footprint, and to extend the ITP expiration one year from November 30, 2026 to November 30, 2027 to ensure there is adequate time to complete Project related activities.

The Project will result in impacts to Sacramento River winter-run Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Delta smelt (*Hypomesus transpacificus*), Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Longfin smelt (*Spirinchus thaleichthys*), White sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of Sacramento River winter-run Chinook Salmon and Delta smelt which are designated as an endangered species, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon and Longfin Smelt which are designated as a threatened species, and White sturgeon which is designated as a candidate species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 8, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. An environmental impact report **was** prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4: **A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.**

The environmental impact report prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

*Signature:*_____ *Date:*_____

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