

**Notice of Exemption**

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**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:** Orange Coast College Marine Science Department Laboratory & Aquarium Educational Specimens

**Project Location:** Nearshore waters of Los Angeles County & Orange County

**Project Description:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the Orange Coast College pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for educational purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take Southern California Distinct Population Segment (DPS) 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 Orange Coast College Marine Science Department & Aquarium's educational classes and permanent collections. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture steelhead trout during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round research and permanent collection sampling of nearshore and intertidal species through the use of beach seines, bottom trawls, surface trawls, 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:** Mary Blasius, Orange Coast 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 educational and permanent collection sampling within nearshore waters of Los Angeles and Orange Counties 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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**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 5/21/2025  
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Signed by Lead Agency

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