Notice of Exemption

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From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Region
1010 Riverside Parkway
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Project Title: Crow's research studies and educational sampling

Project Location: Nearshore and offshore waters of the counties of San Mateo, Sonoma, Monterey, Marin, and Los Angeles

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the San Francisco State University pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for scientific and educational purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take longfin smelt (*Spirinchus thaleichthys*), white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and 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 research studies and permanent collections of Karen Crow of San Francisco State University. The applicant will conduct year-round research and permanent collection sampling of nearshore and offshore marine species through the use of beach seine, bottom trawl, hook & line – baited dropper loop, and minnow traps through December 31, 2027.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Karen Crow, San Francisco State University

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 and permanent collection sampling within nearshore and offshore waters of the counties of San Mateo, Sonoma, Monterey, Marin, and Los Angeles which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to longfin smelt, white sturgeon, coho salmon, Chinook salmon, or steelhead trout which are all listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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☐ Signed by Lead Agency Date Received for filing at OPR: _____