

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Marine Region  
619 Second Street  
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**Project Title:** Physiological Genomics of Fishes

**Project Location:** Nearshore waters of the counties of Sonoma, Marin, San Mateo, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and Orange.

**Project Description:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the University of California Irvine pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for scientific purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), 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 University of California Irvine's Physiological Genomics of Fishes research study. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead trout during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round research sampling of nearshore fishes, invertebrates, and phytoplankton through the use of beach seines, purse seines, bottom 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:** Don German, University of California Irvine

**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 nearshore waters of the counties of Sonoma, Marin, San Mateo, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and Orange which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and steelhead trout which are all listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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Signed by Lead Agency

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