Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Region
1010 Riverside Parkway
West Sacramento, CA 95605

Project Title: Moss Landing Marine Laboratories Collections

Project Location: Nearshore waters of Monterey County

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for educational purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories' educational class collections. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture coho salmon and Chinook salmon during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round permanent collection sampling of nearshore marine species through the use of beach seines, otter trawls, and hook & line – baited shrimpfly through December 31, 2028.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Scott Hamilton, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories

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 permanent collection sampling within nearshore waters of Monterey County which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to coho salmon or Chinook salmon which are both listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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