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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref.: I5813

Title: Letter of Non-Objection for the Zuniga Shoals Shellfish Basket Study

Location: Pacific Ocean, south of the entrance to San Diego Bay and east of Zuniga Jetty and encompassing an area of over 900 acres, San Diego County. Latitude 32.677167, Longitude -117.202917.

Description: Authorize testing with oysters, mussels, and seaweed placed in shellfish baskets and attached to deployed buoys, along with concurrent water quality monitoring, for one year.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): San Diego Unified Port District

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption

- CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306)

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a letter of non-objection for the above-mentioned study will cause only a minor physical change in the environment and will not change existing activities in the area. There is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemption applies.

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