Notice of Exemption — Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk - County of: N/A

From: California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Project Title: Extension of Emergency Regulations Regarding the Recreational Take of Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling (RCG) and Lingcod

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location: State ocean waters

Project Location – City: N/A

Project Location – County: N/A

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Extension of the emergency regulations maintains the restored access to fishing depths that have been closed to recreational fishing for rockfish, cabezon and greenling (RCG) and lingcod since 2023 to avoid encounters with quillback rockfish; set a sub-bag limit for canary rockfish; and add the cryptic-species sunset rockfish to the list of federal groundfish species. The purpose of the project is to restore access to fishing grounds based upon updated scientific stock assessment information for the quillback rockfish stock off California, implement a sub-bag limit for canary rockfish, and clarify sunset rockfish limits. Overall, the actions preserve natural resources and are protective of the environment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Fish and Game Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, sections 15307 and 15308
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: See attachment

Lead Agency: California Fish and Game Commission

Contact Person: Melissa Miller-Henson Telephone: (916) 653-4899

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒Yes ☐No

Signature: Melissa A. Miller-Henson Date: December 12, 2025 Title: Executive Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant. Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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