

Notice of Exemption

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From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Region
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Project Title: Educational Programs about the San Francisco Bay at Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach in Alameda, CA Utilizing Beach Seine Net & Hand Collection

Project Location: San Francisco Bay (mainly at Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach)

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the East Bay Regional Park District – Crab Cove Visitor Center pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for educational purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take longfin smelt (*Spirinchus thaleichthys*), delta smelt (*Hypomesus transpacificus*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*) during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for the East Bay Regional Park District – Crab Cove Visitor Center's permanent collections for educational classes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture longfin smelt, delta smelt, coho salmon, Chinook salmon, and white sturgeon during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round permanent collection sampling of marine species found in San Francisco Bay using beach seines through December 31, 2029.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Morgan Guenther, East Bay Regional Park District – Crab Cove Visitor Center

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 San Francisco Bay which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to longfin smelt, delta smelt, coho salmon, Chinook salmon, and white sturgeon which are all listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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☐ Signed by Lead Agency

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