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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref.: I-5962

Title: Letter of Non-Objection to Install an Oceanographic Mooring

Location: Pacific Ocean, within the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, Santa Barbara County

Description: Authorize installation of an oceanographic buoy to measure atmospheric conditions, upper ocean conditions, and zooplankton and fish biomass, for one year.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Scripps Institution of Oceanography

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 activity 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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