

Notice of Exemption

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From: Department of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Region
1700 9th Street
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Project Title: Collection of Specimens to Aid in Education Classes at Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Project Location: Nearshore waters of San Diego County (San Clemente Island) and Los Angeles County (Santa Catalina Island)

Project Description: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is issuing a permit to the University of California San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(a) for educational purposes. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to take steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) during the course of sampling, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the permit. The purpose of this sampling is for the University of California San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography’s classroom activities and permanent collections. The Section 2081(a) permit authorizes the applicant to potentially capture steelhead trout during surveys. The applicant will conduct year-round permanent educational collection of nearshore marine species through the use of beach seine, fish trap, hook & line – squid jig, and hook & line – unbaited shrimp fly through December 31, 2029.

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

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Phillip Zerofski, University of California San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography

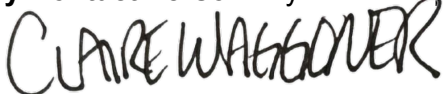
Exempt Status:

- 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 educational collection sampling within nearshore waters of San Diego County (San Clemente Island) and Los Angeles County (Santa Catalina Island) which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to steelhead trout which are listed under the California Endangered Species Act.

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Signature: 

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Signed by Lead Agency

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