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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Harpoons and Flying Gaffs for Rec.Tuna Fishery and Gear Marking in Comm. Harpoon Swordfish Fishery

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Project Location: State Ocean Waters

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) proposes to use regular rulemaking authority to amend the recreational fishing regulations for tuna, marlin, and swordfish and the commercial fishing regulations for swordfish as set forth in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (Project). The amendments will allow recreational anglers to use harpoons and flying gaffs to help land tuna that have been legally taken. The amendment will also make a variety of minor, nonsubstantive, changes to update the species common name from "broadbill" or "broadbill swordfish" to "swordfish," and "fin fish" to "finfish" and to clarify existing prohibitions on the use of spears and bow and arrow fishing gear to take marlin. The amendment will add gear marking requirements for commercial harpoon gear to clearly differentiate that gear from federally authorized deep-set buoy gear.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Commission finds that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

The completed initial study, attached to this negative declaration, documents the bases for this finding and the Commission's determination that the Project will not have any significant or potentially significant effects on the environment, and that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the Commission, that the Project may have significant effects on the environment. Therefore, no alternatives or mitigation measures are proposed to avoid or reduce any significant effects on the environment.

The initial study concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.

Therefore, this Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21080, subdivision (c).

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife