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Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Stoft Water Diversions and Stream Crossings Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-62310-R1C)

Project Location (Humboldt): The Project to be completed is located within the Lower East Branch South Fork Eel River watershed, approximately 6.8 miles east of the town of Benbow, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 31, T04S, R05E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Harris U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 216-083-003-000; latitude 40.0654 N and longitude 123.6573 W at the first point of diversion (POD).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-HUM-62310-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Morgan Stoft.

The Project is limited to four encroachments. Two encroachments are for water diversion from unnamed tributaries to Jewett Creek and Rays Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use and irrigation. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The two other proposed encroachments are to upgrade existing stream crossings without formal conveyance infrastructure. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, placement of appropriately sized rock, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November 18, 2025, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made as a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: DocuSigned by: Dave Manthorne 1B5E42F730224D2... *Date:* 11/18/2025

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