

PUBLIC NOTICE: COMPLETION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is providing Public Notice of the completion of a Negative Declaration for the Santa Cruz Chinook Salmon Net Pen Project.

Project Location: Santa Cruz Harbor, Santa Cruz County

Description of Project: The Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project (MBSTP) is a membership-based nonprofit 501c3 organization dedicated to the conservation and recovery of native salmon and trout populations of the Monterey Bay region. MBSTP proposes to acclimate hatchery-raised Central Valley fall-run Chinook Salmon (CV FR) in a temporary net pen within Santa Cruz Harbor in Santa Cruz, CA in the spring of 2019 and 2020. On the same day of delivery, the net pen would be towed out of the harbor and the fish released into Monterey Bay. The Project's objective is to enhance Central California's commercial and recreational salmon fishery. Released smolts will feed and grow along the coast and be available for harvest as adults in one to three years.

On-line copies: The Negative Declaration is available for online review at:

<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=165206>

Hardcopies: Hardcopies are available for review at the:

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Review period: The review period for this Negative Declaration begins February 12, 2019 and ends March 27, 2019.

Comments are accepted electronically or via USPS.

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