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SUBJECT: Submission of Notice of Proposed Emergency Action to Amend Sections 27.20, 27.25, 27.30, 27.35, 27.40, 27.45, 27.50, 28.55, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), RE: Recreational Quillback Rockfish

Dear Mr. Pogue:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests that the Office of Administrative Law publish notice of our proposed emergency regulation to amend sections 27.20, 27.25, 27.30, 27.35, 27.40, 27.45, 27.50, 28.55, Title 14, CCR. Attached are the STD Form 400, Public Notice, Emergency Statement, STD Form 399 and Addendum.

The Department determined in late July that the harvest limits for quillback rockfish both north and south of the 40°10' N. lat. management line were at risk of being exceeded. Therefore, action is needed to prohibit the taking of quillback to protect the population in all waters. Additionally, area closures are being implemented shoreward of the 50 fathom (fm) line to further protect quillback from overharvest. Finally, to avoid negative impacts to other fisheries, the Department also proposes authorizing use of hoop nets, crab traps, and dip nets shoreward of the 50 fm boundary line, as provided, when legally taken groundfish are aboard.

Please review the attached Notice of Proposed Emergency Action for publication in the October 2023 issue of the California Regulatory Notice Register. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Ona Alminas, Regulations Unit Manager at Ona.Alminas@wildlife.ca.gov or 916-902-9222.

Sincerely,

Charlton H. Bonham
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Enclosures: STD Form 400
Notice of Proposed Emergency Action, including the Informative Digest
Finding of Emergency/ Emergency Statement
Proposed Regulation Text: amendments to Section 27.20, 27.25, 27.30,
27.35, 27.40, 27.45, 27.50, 28.55, Title 14, CCR
Economic Impact Statement (STD Form 399) and addendum

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