## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF FEDERAL DOCUMENT

In the Matter of the November 7, 2007 Cosco Busan Oil Spill
Final Supplement to the Cosco Busan Oil Spill
Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW/OSPR) will adopt and use the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) prepared by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for the Final Supplement to the Cosco Busan Oil Spill Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment (2025 Supplement DARP/EA). The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) concurred with USFWS's determination and prepared its own FONSI for the 2025 Supplement DARP/EA. The documents will be used in place of a negative declaration. CDFW/OSPR believes that the Federal documents comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Accordingly, the lead agencies for the project(s) may rely upon or adopt the 2025 Supplement DARP/EA, USFWS's FONSI, and NOAA's FONSI towards compliance with CEQA where appropriate.

The Natural Resources Trustees for the *Cosco Busan Oil Spill* include CDFW/OSPR, USFWS, the National Park Service (NPS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), NOAA, and the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) (collectively, the Trustees). In September 2011, the Trustees released a Cosco Busan Oil Spill Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment (DARP/EA) and, after consideration of public comments, released a Final DARP/EA in February 2012. The Trustees published Supplements to the Final DARP/EA in 2013, 2019, and 2024.

The 2025 Supplement DARP/EA selected three projects previously considered in the Final DARP/EA. One of these projects addresses injuries to Large Diving Ducks and Loons and two of these projects address injuries to Brown Pelicans, Cormorants, and Gulls. The three projects selected as preferred alternatives in the 2025 Supplement DARP/EA are:

1) extending implementation of the Eelgrass restoration in San Francisco Bay project; 2) the Alcatraz Island human disturbance reduction project; and 3) the Seabird habitat restoration on Southeast Farallon Island project.

Upon environmental review and evaluation of the 2025 Supplement DARP/EA, USFWS and NOAA determined that the proposed action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality for the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as

amended. Additionally, the projects are expected to have beneficial impacts on ecosystem function and species bioavailability, and best management practices and mitigation will be employed to limit any potential adverse impacts.

Copies of the Federal documents (USWFS's FONSI, NOAA's FONSI and the 2025 Supplement DARP/EA) are available through the CDFW/OSPR webpage at https://wildlife.ca.gov/OSPR/NRDA/cosco-busan.com or by contacting Bruce Joab at (916) 826-0166 or Bruce.Joab@wildlife.ca.gov.

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