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**California Fish and Game Commission
Notice of Receipt of Application**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1022 of the California Fish and Game Code (F&G Code) and Section 91, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), on June 20, 2025 the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) transmitted an accepted experimental fishing permit (EFP) application to the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission).

Richard Ashley, Long Beach Bait Company, submitted an application for a Tier 4 EFP with a permit fee reduction to collect data on commercial harvest of the southern subpopulation of Pacific sardine using a habitat model to inform purse seine fishing south of Point Conception. The proposed project would allow two permitted vessels to fish purse seine gear. The applicant has requested to begin fishing April 1, 2026.

The Department's preliminary review indicates that the applicant requests an exemption from F&G Code Section 8603. During its technical evaluation, the Department will determine if other exemptions may be necessary.

Pursuant to subsection 91(d)(2), Title 14, CCR, the Department will provide a recommendation to the Commission, including any proposed special conditions. As soon as the Department's recommendation is available, but not less than 30 days before the hearing on this application, a notice will be published on the Commission's website at <https://fgc.ca.gov/EFP> and sent to interested individuals providing information on the opportunity for public comment.

Written comments and information on matters addressed in this notice and relevant to the Department's technical review of the accepted application may be submitted to Owen Mulvey-McFerron, EFP Coordinator, at EFP@wildlife.ca.gov.

Please visit www.fgc.ca.gov for additional information.

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