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California Fish and Game Commission Notice of Receipt of an Experimental Fishing Permit Application

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1022 of the California Fish and Game Code and Section 91, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), on August 28, 2026 the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) transmitted an accepted experimental fishing permit (EFP) application to the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission).

An application was submitted for a Tier 1 EFP with a permit fee reduction to collect information on East Pacific red octopus abundance and quantify its bycatch within coonstripe shrimp gear in the Coonstripe Shrimp Southern Management Zone (defined in Section 180.15 of Title 14, CCR, as the Sonoma/Mendocino counties border to the U.S/Mexico border). The proposed project would allow one authorized agent to participate in an experimental fishery retaining East Pacific red octopus (*Octopus rubescens*) bycatch caught while targeting coonstripe shrimp (*Pandalus danae*) in the commercial coonstripe shrimp trap fishery on one authorized vessel.

The Department's preliminary review indicates that the applicant requests an exemption from Fish and Game Code Section 8595, subdivision (b). 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, Department EFP Coordinator, at EFP@wildlife.ca.gov.

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

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