

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: **2019029052**

Project Title: Chinook Salmon Coastal Net Pen Project in Santa Cruz Harbor

Lead Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Project Location: Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

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.
Receiving Location (2019 and 2020): Santa Cruz Harbor (36.964136°N, -121.001816° W)
Releasing Location (2019 and 2020): Monterey Bay approximate, target release site coordinates are 36.888449°, -121.974374°. This is approximately 5 miles south of the harbor mouth.
It was determined that this project would have less than significant impact to Biological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Public Services at Santa Cruz Harbor and surrounding areas, and no impacts to the remaining factors. Thus this negative declaration was prepared. The Project conforms to the standard method of acclimating fish in net pens prior to release into ocean waters and complies with CDFW policies. CDFW's CNDDDB was reviewed to identify potential impacts to animals identified in the nine Quadrants in the surrounding area.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Project will not result in any significant nor potentially significant effects.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Coastal Commission, State Resources Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife