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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL FOR A 90 DAY EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY ACTION Measures for Fisheries at Risk Due to Drought Conditions

Reference OAL File #2015-0626-01E

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code subsections 11346.1(a)(2) and 11346.1(h), the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) is providing notice of proposed extension of existing emergency regulations, establishing measures for fisheries at risk due to drought conditions.

The objective of this re-adoption is to protect fisheries under critical conditions stemming from various conditions by establishing a set of triggers to guide fishing closures and reopening actions. Closures occur when specific triggering events occur, including water temperatures exceeding 70°F for over eight hours a day for three consecutive days. Other triggers include oxygen levels, water level, and breeding population. The Commission authorized staff to publish notice of intent to permanently implement Section 8.01, Title 14, CCR, at its December 10, 2015, meeting in San Diego, CA. Consideration for adoption of the regular rulemaking is scheduled for the April 14, 2016, Commission meeting in Santa Rosa.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Government Code Section 11346.1(a)(2) requires that, at least five working days prior to submission of the proposed emergency action to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), the adopting agency provide a Notice of the Proposed Emergency Action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulatory action with the agency. After submission of the proposed emergency to OAL, OAL shall allow interested persons five calendar days to submit comments on the proposed emergency regulations as set forth in Government Code Section 11349.6.

Any interested person may present statements, arguments or contentions, in writing, submitted via U.S. mail, e-mail or fax, relevant to the proposed emergency regulatory action. Written comments submitted via U.S. mail, e-mail or fax must be received at OAL within five days after the Commission submits the emergency regulations to OAL for review.

Please reference submitted comments as regarding “Fisheries at Risk” addressed to:

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For the status of the Commission's submittal to OAL for review, and the end of the five-day written submittal period, please consult OAL's website at <http://www.oal.ca.gov> under the heading “Emergency Regulations.”