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Dear Mr. Yates and Ms. Ruvelas,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR SECTION 10 INCIDENTAL TAKE PERMIT

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) provides this correspondence to notify NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region, Protected Resources Division of our intent to apply for an incidental take permit under Section 10 of the federal Endangered Species Act to address protected species interactions in certain California state-managed fixed gear fisheries.

The Department looks forward to working with you on this process. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dr. Craig Shuman, Marine Regional Manager, at (916) 445-6459 or by email at Craig.Shuman@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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