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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

TITLE: Environmental Assessment on the Issuance of Incidental Take Authorizations for the Antioch Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project

LOCATION: Southern San Francisco Bay, California

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes to issue an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to allow the take, by Level B harassment, of harbor seals and California sea lions incidental to pile driving associated with the Antioch Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:
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The environmental review process led us to conclude that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. A copy of the finding of no significant impact (FONSI) including the supporting environmental assessment (EA) is enclosed for your information.

Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this completed EA/FONSI we will consider any comments submitted that would assist us in preparing future NEPA documents. Please submit any written comments to the responsible official named above.

Sincerely,

for Paul N. Doremus, Ph.D.
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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