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APPROVE A THREE-YEAR NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION

APPLICANT:

Seafloor Surveys International Inc. Attn: Paul Jubinski Pier 66, 2201 Alaskan Way Seattle, Washington 98121

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

The term of the Non-Exclusive Geological Survey Permit is three years.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

Required statutory filing fee, expense deposit, and performance bond have been received.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

P.R.C. Section 6826. Α.

Cal. Code Regs., Title 2, Section 2905(e)(3). **B**.

C. Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Section 15061.

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OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The geological surveys authorized under the terms of 1. the permit are for the purpose of obtaining shallow samples of the seafloor for geotechnical information. The data obtained is used in the design of offshore structures (pipelines, marine terminals, platforms, piers, etc.) and in the technical and environmental analyses of offshore oil and gas operations.

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The shallow samples are obtained using nonrotary techniques (dart, jet, percussion, grab) from a selfcontained vessel. The vessel is typically no larger than fishing boats used in the Santa Barbara Channel (50 to 150 feet in length, six-foot draft).

- 2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to P.R.C. 6370, et. seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the person nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the permit as part of the program for the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.
- 3. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection, the collection of data for information purposes where minimal or no disturbance of State lands is involved, 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2905(e)(3).

Authority: P.R.C. 21084, 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15300, and 2 Cal. Code Regs. 2905.

EXHIBIT:

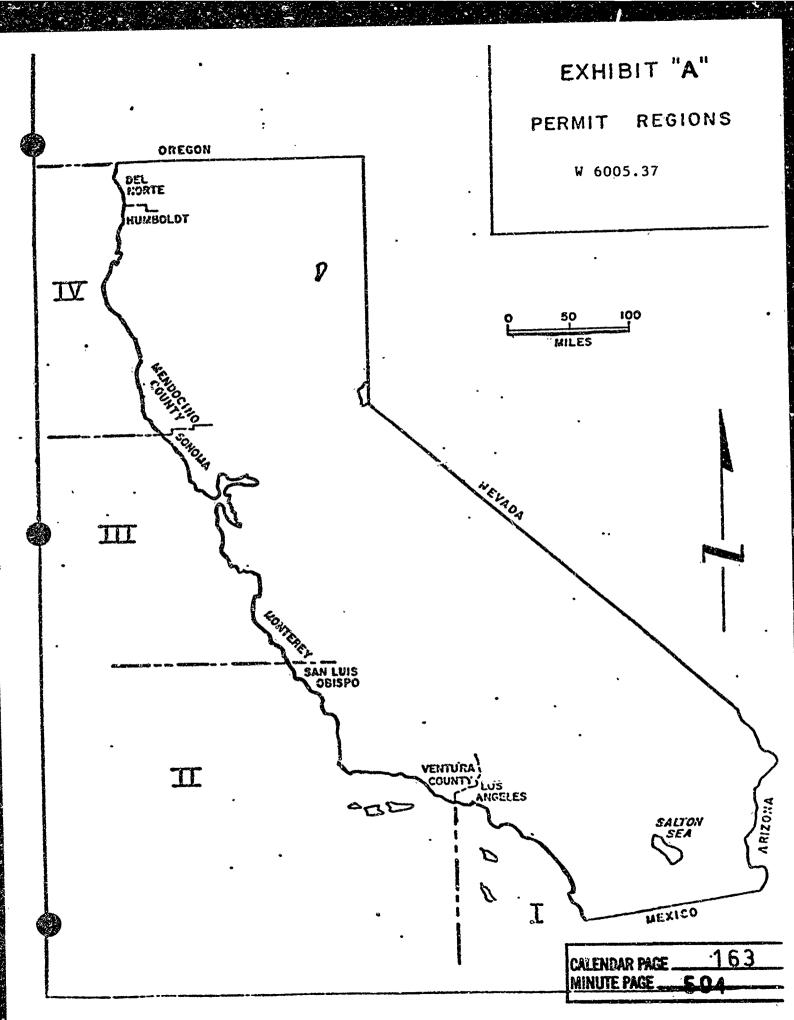
A. Permit Regions.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

- 1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA FURSUANT TO 14 CAL. CODE REGS. 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, 2 CAL. CODE REGS. 2905(c)(3); AND
- 2. AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE TO SEAFLOOR SURVEYS INTERNATIONAL INC. OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS ON STATE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1991 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1994 WITHIN PERMIT REGIONS I, II, III, AND IV AS DEFINED ON EXHIBIT "A" HERETO.

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