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CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PERMIT ON TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION

APPLICANT:

    Seafloor Surveys International, Inc.
    Attn.: Mr. Peter Malcolm
    2727 Alaskan Way, Pier 69
    Seattle, WA 98121-1107

BACKGROUND:

    The geological surveys authorized under the terms of the permit are for the purpose of obtaining shallow samples of the seafloor for geotechnical information. The data obtained are used in the design of offshore structures (fiber optic cable routes, pipelines, marine terminals, platforms, piers, etc.) and in the technical and environmental analyses of offshore operations. The shallow samples are obtained using nonrotary techniques (dart, jet, percussion, grab) from a self-contained vessel. The vessel is typically no larger than a fishing boat (usually 50 to 150 feet in length, with a six-foot draft).

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

    Initial period:
        Three years beginning July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2003.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

    1.   Required fees, expense deposit and other security have been received.

    2.   Seafloor Surveys will geophysically survey (under Geophysical Survey Permit No. PRC 8060) the geological sample route with side scan sonar to identify wrecks or debris on the ocean floor in advance of the geological

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survey. Seafloor Surveys will not sample in the vicinity of any identified anomaly.

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. Public Resources Code section 6826

B. California Code of Regulations section: Title 2, section 2905(e)(3)

C. California Code of Regulations section: Title 14, section 15061

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 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. Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905(e)(3).

   Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300, and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905.

2. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6370, et. seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

3. Find that the activity is consistent with the use classification designated by the Commission for the land pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et. seq.

EXHIBIT:

A. Permit Regions

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

December 25, 2000

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDINGS:
1. FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, UNDER CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION, TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905(e)(3).

2. FIND THAT THE ACITIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATEFD BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODES SECTIONS 6370, ET. SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO SEAFLOOR SURVEYS INTERNATIONAL, INC., OF A NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2000, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003, WITHIN PERMIT REGIONS I, II, III, AND IV AS DESIGNATED ON EXHIBIT A.

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EXHIBIT "A"

PERMIT REGIONS

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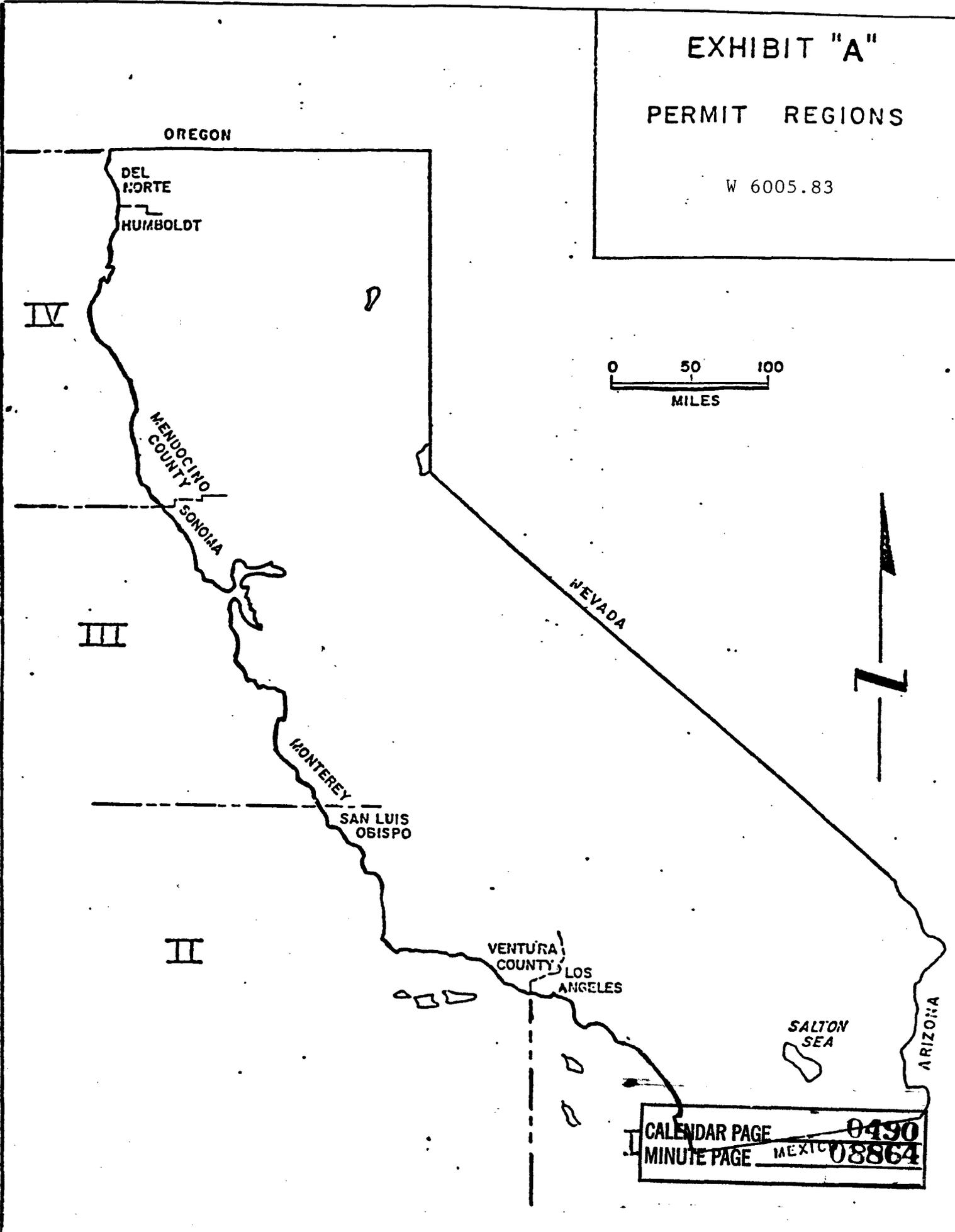
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