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TO: California Coastal Commissioners and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: California Coastal Management Program Workshop, Item 4, Monday
December 11, 2000

At the October 2000 Coastal Commission meeting, the Commission asked the Executive Director to conduct public workshops at the November and December 2000 meetings regarding the inclusion of certain categories of U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) incidental take permits to the California Coastal Management Program (CCMP) as a "listed" activity subject to federal consistency review.

The Workshops and Commission Action

The goals of both workshops are to inform the Commission about the CCMP and habitat conservation/multi-species plans and to provide an opportunity for the Commission to hear from members of the public. *Since this is a public workshop and hearing for the purposes described below, no action by the Commission is required on this item.*

The **November** public workshop agenda was comprised of presentations from the Coastal Commission staff, the Director of the federal Office of Coast and Ocean Resources Management, staff from the USFWS, staff from the California Department of Fish and Game and a public comment period.

The focus of the **December** workshop is to provide an opportunity for discussion of a coordinated process for Coastal Commission involvement and interaction with the Department of Fish and Game in the preparation, approval and implementation of Natural Community Conservation Plans that affect coastal resources. The following agenda item topics that will likely be included on the **December workshop agenda** are:

- Proposed Memorandum of Understanding by and among Department of Fish and Game, Coastal Commission and the Resources Agency;
- Coastal Commission staffing and time commitments relating to participation in the NCCP/HCP processes; and
- Public comments.

Additional Information

Prior to the December 11, 2000 Commission workshop, additional information will be given to Commissioners. Below is a partial list of materials that staff intends to provide to the Commission under separate cover.

- Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and among Department of Fish and Game, Coastal Commission and the Resources Agency.
- Public Comment letters regarding the Draft MOU.
- Public comment letters received by the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management and by the Coastal Commission regarding the request to include US Fish and Wildlife Service incidental take permits in the California Coastal Management Program's list of federal license and permit activities.
- List of known NCCP/HCP efforts in California that could potentially effect coastal resources.

Written Public Comments

On November 17, 2000 the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management, at the request of the Secretary of Resources Agency, Mary Nichols, extended the public comment period on the request to include US Fish and Wildlife Service incidental take permits in the California Coastal Management Program's list of federal license and permit activities period to *December 1, 2000*.

The draft MOU has been posted on the Coastal Commission website and both the Resources Agency and the Coastal Commission have received public comments.