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

APPLICANT:

Coastal Frontiers Corporation
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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 study of nearshore sand erosion and deposition, the design of offshore structures (pipelines, marine terminals, platforms, piers, etc.), and 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). Upon request, the California State Lands Commission will receive copies of all data derived from any and all surveys under the permit.

TERMS OF PROPOSED PERMIT:

Initial period:

Three years, beginning January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013.

PREREQUISITE CONDITIONS, FEES AND EXPENSES:

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

STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES:

A. Public Resources Code section 6826
B. California Code of Regulations: Title 2, section 2905(e)(3)
C. California Code of Regulations: Title 14, section 15061(b)

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of 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.

EXHIBIT:

A. Permit Regions

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

December 1, 2010

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Commission:

CEQA FINDINGS:

Find that the activity is exempt from the requirements of 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).

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize issuance to Coastal Frontiers Corporation, of a Non-Exclusive General Permit to conduct Geological Surveys for the period January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013, within Permit Regions I, II, III, and IV as designated on Exhibit A, attached hereto.
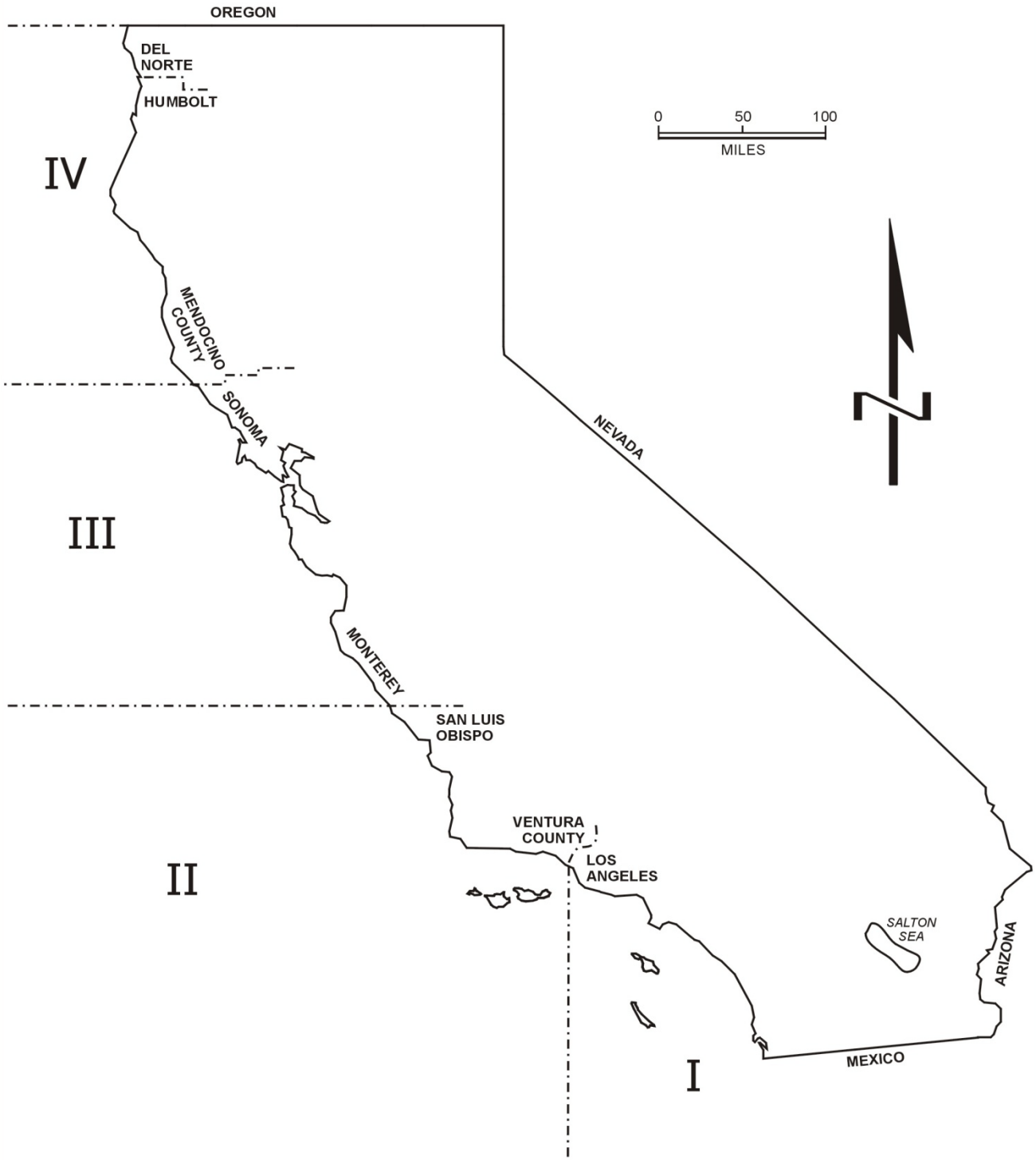
EXHIBIT A
PERMIT REGIONS