

St. George Reef Lighthouse Restoration and Tour Operation

**Final Monitoring Report for
Incidental Harassment Authorization #7**

**February 18, 2017, through April 30, 2017
November 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017**



Submitted by:

St. George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society

To:

**NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Office of Protected Resources**

Project Description

The Saint George Reef Lighthouse is located on a small rocky islet known as Northwest Seal Rock (NWSR, 41° 50'24" N, 124° 22'06" W), which is part of the St. George Reef, in Del Norte County, California. The island is about 7 kilometers (4.3 miles) offshore and peaks at 17 feet above mean sea level. The lighthouse covers much of the surface of the island. Original construction of the lighthouse was completed in 1892 and it was operated by the U.S. Coast Guard until 1975. The Coast Guard decommissioned the light and ceased to maintain the historic building, which rapidly deteriorated and became subject to vandalism. The St. George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society (Society) was founded in 1986 with the goals of restoring the lighthouse and increasing recognition of its important historical role in maritime and regional history. In 1996, the SGRLPS entered into an agreement with the federal and local government to manage and renovate the lighthouse on site.

The Society intends to maintain the Lighthouse, which is listed in the National Parks Service National Register of Historic Places (Reference Number 93001373), in perpetuity, as stipulated by the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act Quitclaim Deed (GSA Control No. 9-U-CA-556-B). The Society proposes to conduct restoration and maintenance activities between November 1 and April 30, annually, at a maximum frequency of one three-day work period per month. The proposed duration for each restoration work session would last no more than three days (*e.g.*, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). As such, the Society has requested an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) for these activities on an annual basis.

Summary of 2017 Activities

The Society conducted two restoration sessions in the spring of 2017, on March 11-12 and April 15-16. On November 1, the Society visited the lighthouse station with a state representative to inspect the landing zone.

Summary Take Table

Species Present	March 11-12, 2017	April 15-16, 2017	November 1, 2017	Total
California Sea Lion	16	0	16	32
Northern Fur Seal	0	0	0	0
Harbor Seal	0	0	0	0
Steller Sea Lion	0	0	0	0