

Douglas Barth  
Mill Valley, CA

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To: Melissa Miller Henson

Re: MLPA Stakeholder Group Nomination

Dear Mellissa-

I am writing to nominate myself to be a member of the stakeholder group for the North Central Coast MLPA project. I am been an active recreational fisherman for most of my life and for much of that time I have been a diver, ocean kayaker and student of the ocean ecosystem. I keep a boat in Sausalito and I have made visits to the Farallon Islands whenever my schedule and the water conditions allow and I am therefore very aware of the incredible diversity of life both above and below the waters there. I am familiar with the coast and its natural resources throughout the North Central Coast region and I know the sea down into Mexico and up into British Columbia.

I am a member of the Bolinas Rod and Boat Club. Because of the size of our facility, we keep our membership at 200 people, but we have many members who are active conservationists and we have been involved in the effort to restore Bolinas Lagoon. At our monthly meeting on this past Friday, April 6, the Club President, Buck Meyers, and the assembled members voted to nominate me as a representative of the Rod and Boat Club to the MLPA Stakeholder Group. Unfortunately, because of the limited time until nominations were due, I have had to write my own nomination letter. For verification of this information you may contact, for the Bolinas Rod and Boat Club::

President- Buck Meyers 415 868-0277

Vice President- Ron Sweet 415 868-1736

I am a member of the Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, California Academy of Sciences, Environment California and the Marine Mammal Center. I feel that my knowledge of environmental matters sets me apart from some members of the fishing community in that I am aware of the value of managing the marine habitat and creating what you have described as "emanation zones". I have my own opinions regarding the size of such zones and whether they need to be unalterably permanent.

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One last point I would like to bring up is that as this process is underway, I think it is important to make the public aware of what we are learning and what decisions are being made. I see myself as having a role in disseminating information about the MLPA selection process through my writing and through verbal and internet communication with the many people I know whose lives are touched by the Pacific Ocean.. Thank you for considering my application.

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