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Subject: Nomination of appointment, North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

I am pleased to offer my nomination for appointment to the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. I believe my extensive active years of recreational diving experiences for abalone and my comprehensive understanding of the Abalone Recovery Management Plan (ARMP) combined with my current experienced service as an appointed recreational consumptive member of the San Miguel Island Abalone Advisory Group (AAG) for the Department of Fish and Game and as a recognized leader within the recreational diving community, who understands and practices the values of cross functional disciplines within working groups, makes me an exceptional choice to fill one of the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder seats.

For years, I have been actively involved with the development of the Abalone Recovery Management Plan (ARMP) and the Abalone Advisory Group (AAG). I have been a spokesman for the recreational diving community at public meetings and hearings throughout California at Fish and Game hearings and open public meetings at dive stores and dive clubs in California. I was instrumental in addressing issues in the development of the (ARMP) which lead to the additional of four new moderate use abalone index sites which balanced the use of index site concepts of the (ARMP).

I served in the United States Navy from 1976 until 1980. In 1983, I graduated from San Joaquin Delta College with an Associates of Arts degree in General Education. In my professional career I have held positions of Senior Operations Specialist, Health and Safety Representative and Environmental Representative for several major domestic and international energy corporations, including Dynergy Corporation, El Paso Energy Corporation and Calpine Energy Corporation. My first hand process engineering experiences with energy, utility and the industrial water users of the San Francisco-Delta Bay Area could add an experienced engineering-scientific-environmental aspect that I would be able to bring to the stakeholder interest group.

I am currently a member of the California Waterfowl Association and a former President of Stanislaus County Finmens Dive Club and I am associated with the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance. I hold diver master certifications from the Professional Association of Diving Instructors and Scuba Schools International.

As an active recreational user of these great resources which includes, Sierra streams, Valley Rivers and the Delta systems, Coastal Rivers and our great bays and lagoon out to the Farallons and back to the north coast, I understand each user groups needs from the streams to the sea. We must all find ways to make this North Central Coast study region of the MLPA-MPA work for all user groups alike for this study to be successful.

I believe my extensive expertise background in science engineering based systems; coupled with a solid and experienced understanding of the Abalone Recovery Plan and how it will interact within MLPA-MPA and as a leader among the recreational diving community who is able and willing to use cross functional adaptations with different user groups makes me perfectly suited to serve as member in the next phase of the Marine Life Protection Act as a regional stakeholder for the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group.

Thank you for consideration of appointment,

Sincerely

Bill Bernard
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