

March 27, 2007

Hi Melissa,

I am writing to nominate myself for the Regional Stakeholders Group for the North Central MPA process.

I can say I am a member and in a way represent the Bolinas Rod & Boat Club, the Cordell Bank Marine Sanctuary, S.A.C (Alternative Maritime Seat), and the Bolinas Lagoon Technical Advisory.

I have fish this area for over forty years both commercially and recreationally. It is my hope that future generations will benefit from this process.

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Hi Melissa-

Like I said on the phone I am in an unusual position working with N.R.D.C. and Environmental Defense on the M.P.A. idea for several years now and being part of the marine sanctuary system while being a commercial fisherman representing fishing interests. But we find allies in strange places. I have had a groundfish boat with an A permit fishing out of Bodega Bay for twenty-five years and also have a commercial crab boat fishing out of Bolinas. I also operate a recreational skiff when I can to take friends along because commercial vessels require all people to have commercial licences. So there you are. I am familiar with our coast and care about the future generations use of it.

I hope this helps,

Josh