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Fish and Game Commission:

My name is William Doo. I would like to be considered for a position on the North-Central MLPA Stakeholder Group representing the coastal shore fishermen.

I received an Associate of Arts degree from the City College of San Francisco in Zoology, studied Conservation at San Jose State University, and finally received a Bachelor of Science degree from Humboldt State University in Arcata, California in Fisheries. I worked for the California Department of Fish and Game in Water Quality as a Fish and Wildlife Seasonal Aid. I have worked as a Staff Research Associate and Hospital Laboratory Technician at the University of California San Francisco. At present I am working as a communications technician with the American Telephone and Telegraph in San Francisco.

Sport fishing has been and will always be my passion. My sport fishing experience began as an 8-year-old sneaking down to San Francisco's Fisherman Wharf 's Pier 43 ½ with just a dacron hand line, a package of #6 hooks, a sinker, and some prawn for bait. I did not have anyone taking me by the hand showing me how to fish. I watched and learned by observing, asking questions, and doing public library research on the subject of fishing. My introduction to fresh water fishing was from the banks of the north lake of Lake Merced in San Francisco for rainbow trout with bottled salmon eggs. I have since expanded my fishing experiences from fishing off the piers of San Francisco to as far away as the waters off the Mexican Baja coast including fishing from boats and traveling to San Diego for multi-day off-shore long range fishing trips for large tunas. I have never viewed my sport fishing as an economic issue nor have I engaged in any fishery business activities.

My present public fisheries activities include volunteering for rockfish larva collection with the fisheries department at the University of California Santa Cruz, rockfish tagging with the Bolinas rockfish study with California State University Moss Landing Marine Laboratory, and helping youngsters catch trout for the Annual Trout Unlimited's Trout Day at Lake Merced, San Francisco.

As a shore fisherman my fishing spots have always been very limited. Private and restricted government properties, physical terrain, refuges, EPA areas and distances limited my fishing accesses. Potentially the MLPA process could impose additional restrictions; but as long as their conservation value is balanced with economic and social impacts, these additional restrictions can be worthwhile.

In summary I know I can be a knowledgeable and resourceful member of the Stakeholder Group in the MLPA process, I would appreciate the opportunity to serve.