



## Cher-Ac Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

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Marine Life Protection Act Initiative  
c/o California Natural Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attention: NCRSG Nominations

To whom it may concern:

It is our pleasure to formally nominate Jacque Hostler to the Regional Stakeholder Group for the MLPA North Coast Study Region. Ms. Hostler represents the interests of the Trinidad area which includes the Trinidad Rancheria, the Trinidad Commercial & Recreational Fisherman and the City of Trinidad. Her involvement in the marine environment in the Trinidad area is extensive. She is well suited to utilize her collaborative and leadership skills in representing and informing the general public who have such a large stake in the outcome of this important process.

As the Director of the Transportation and Land-Use department for the Trinidad Rancheria, Ms. Hostler has become well acquainted with the marine environment in Trinidad Bay. Currently, Ms. Hostler is the Project Manager for the Trinidad Pier Reconstruction project. This important project has funding and positive attention from the Humboldt Headwaters Community Grant Fund, the California Coastal Conservancy Urban Waterfronts Grant Program, California State Proposition 84 Grant program and the Environmental Protection Agency's Brownsfield Grant Program.

The complete reconstruction of the pier will mitigate storm water into Trinidad Bay, remove the toxic creosote treated piles from the old pier and commission the removal of marine debris that have accumulated under the pier for the past 60 plus years. Ms. Hostler has been the driving force behind an extensive under water noise study prepared by Illingsworth & Rodkin, Inc. and a meticulous Biological Assessment finalized by ICF, Jones & Stokes. An extensive Marine Mammal Monitoring plan was also prepared under the guidance of Ms. Hostler and includes a collaborative partnership with Humboldt State University.

Ms. Hostler works closely with the Tribe's Environmental Department, who has taken a lead role on water quality monitoring programs in Trinidad Bay. She also works closely with the Trinidad Pier's Harbor Master and has been actively collaborating with him and the commercial fisherman for the design of the new pier. In addition to the pier project, Ms. Hostler is managing the Tribe's Harbor Planning Study and participates on the Bureau of Land Management's Gateway Committee for the California Coastal Rocks Monuments and is involved the North Coast Geotourism Committee. She understands the balance of environmental protection and supporting local industries and promotes compromise and mediation to solve difficult issues.

Before Ms. Hostler came to the Trinidad Rancheria, she was the Roads Director for the Hoopa Valley Tribe. Both of her children are Hoopa Tribal Members, so she understands the Tribal perspective on natural resources and advocates for Native environmental stewardship and knowledge. Her years of working in Indian Country, specializing in construction, land-use, and transportation has enabled her to lend her expertise to local, state, and national committees. Currently she chairs the North Coast Tribal Transportation Commission, sits on the Humboldt County Association of Governments Technical Advisory Committee, sits on the Caltrans Native American Advisory Committee, and represents all California Tribes on the National Indian Reservation Roads Coordinating Committee. In all of these venues she is astute, organized and works in a manner that fosters partnerships and collaboration.

As the North Coast MLPA planning process has unfolded Ms. Hostler has been a catalyst for community collaboration and has organized and facilitated weekly meetings with the Trinidad Fisherman since July of 2009. These meetings were extended out to all the ports in the North Coast Study Regional and became a means to share ideas, information and form strong working relationships. She has been an active participant in the Humboldt Harbor District's MLPA Work Group and has been played a supportive role in organizing the Tribal Coalition led by the Yurok Tribe. Ms. Hostler's background and expertise enables her to represent a diverse set of stakeholders and interests and gives her the ability to participate on the Regional Stakeholder Group in a meaningful way that will inform the process and provide a positive outcome.

Ms. Hostler has committed to making her time available to this important process. Her network of communication is extensive and includes North Coast Tribes, Trinidad Fisherman, City of Trinidad and all the North Coast Study Region Ports. Ms. Hostler is well known and respected by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, as well as several state and national officials. She has a reputable record of completing a range of complicated projects. While working for the Hoopa Valley Tribe, Ms. Hostler managed the Bald Hills Slide Project which gained national attention. Her dedication to the project ensured the funding and implementation of the proper mitigation measures to relieve the threat of the slide interfering with the Trinity River Restoration Project. Her record of dedication and sound participation would be invaluable and would ensure meaningful dialogue and positive partnerships.

We respectfully request you seriously consider Ms. Hostler as a participant on this important group. We find she is the best choice to represent the interests of the North Coast Region, while understanding the Marine Life Protection Act and its important goals and objectives.

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