



Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative
c/o California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

November 30, 2009

Re: Nomination to the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Dear Mr. Chrisman,

As the Tribal Chairperson for the Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians of the Sulphur Bank Rancheria, I am nominating Adrian John for the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. I have discussed his nomination to the Regional Stakeholder Group with him and Adrian John has stated his willingness to commit the time for full participation and his commitment to completing all aspects of the Regional Stakeholder Groups responsibilities in the implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act.

Adrian John
PO Box 757
Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423
adrian.john@elemnation.org
(707) 998 – 3003 fax 3033

Adrian John is a Tribal Member of the Elem Indian Colony and has participated in the Tribe's traditional gathering of marine life on the California coast for the past 35 years. During traditional gathering, Adrian evaluates the condition of marine life based on knowledge passed on by his elders at the Tribe. Also, Adrian collects in a sustainable manner as he was instructed by his elders at the Tribe, such as collecting seaweed by cutting the branching not scraping the seaweed from the rocks. Adrian John can contribute to the Regional Stakeholder Group with his first-hand knowledge of the traditional gathering of marine life by the Tribe and his ability to communicate to local Tribal Elders.

P.O. Box 757, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423
Phone 707-998-3003 Fax 707-998-3033 www.elemnation.org

In addition to his traditional knowledge, Adrian John is the Watershed Specialist for the Environmental Department of the Elem Indian Colony. Adrian attends local Lake County land use workshops and regional State of California planning meetings, such as the Lake County hosted Integrated Regional Water Management Plan workshops and the State Water Plan Update meetings. Adrian has attended US EPA trainings in resource management and the monitoring of water quality. Adrian has successfully completed Yuba Community College classes in Ecology and Computer Applications. In his position as Watershed Specialist, Adrian has experience in working collaboratively with all the constituencies in a region to reach a balanced perspective on environmental issues and has obtained higher level education in the ecology of marine life resources.

Adrian will utilize the Regional Tribal Operations Committee, consisting of the Tribes of US EPA Region IX, and the Hinthil Environmental Resource Consortium, consisting of the six Tribes in Lake County, to facilitate communication on the Marine Life Protection Act and the activities of the Regional Stakeholder Group to the Tribes of the North Coast region. Also, Adrian will conduct outreach to Tribal Members at regional traditional events hosted by local Tribes, such as Big Valley Rancheria's Annual Tule Boat Festival and the Cahto Tribe's Annual Coastal Walk.

Thank you for your consideration,



Batsulwin Brown
Tribal Chairperson
Elem Indian Colony