

November 30, 2009
Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
c/o California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: My nomination to the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Dear BRTF Chair Gustafson and DFG Director:

I am pleased to submit my nomination for your consideration. I am a semi-retired professional Geologist living in Ft. Bragg. I have a strong personal interest in the health of shorelines, streams and estuaries, and also in the health of our local economy which is dependent on the wise use of marine resources. I am an avid kayaker and have a long-standing interest in the ocean.

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STATEMENT ON MEETING CRITERIA

1. I have a geological knowledge of the northern California coastline: intertidal zone, dunes, bluffs and terraces and their responses to tectonic forces, tsunamis, storms and long-term sea-level rise. I participated in planning and implementing the restoration of a coastal bluffs trail portion of the ex-Georgia Pacific mill site in Fort Bragg. I prepared, for State Parks, reports of geological resources of the Point Cabrillo and Ten Mile Dunes preserves.
2. I appreciate that a balance must be achieved among livelihoods of local fishers, tourboat operators, kelp gatherers and the overall viability of marine ecosystems.
3. I have the ability to recognize and address both (or more) sides of an issue and rationalize with the scientifically-derived data at hand.
4. I participate in the Noyo River Watershed Alliance made up of public and private landowners, dedicated to the long-term health, for salmonids, of the river, its tributaries and neighboring smaller streams. I work cheerfully with many different personalities who have many different perspectives.

5. I write occasional op-ed pieces in forestry and marine - related geological issues in the Fort Bragg Advocate News, and I've been interviewed by the call-in radio station KZYX.

6. I will enthusiastically participate in all aspects required for the process, for its full duration.

CURRENT AND PAST AFFILIATIONS WITH STAKEHOLDER GROUPS ACTIVE IN MARINE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Noyo River Watershed Alliance

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PAST INVOLVEMENT IN MLPA OR SIMILAR COLLABORATIVE PUBLIC PROCESSES

I have not been involved in the MLPA to date. The Noyo River Watershed Alliance is a collaborative process.

WILLINGNESS TO COMMIT TIME

I am semi-retired and am therefore available for all MLPA meetings.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH NOMINEE WILL COMMUNICATE

Any or all that are interested, from fishing groups to environmental groups.

SPECIFIC COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH MECHANISMS TO BE UTILIZED

E-mail, radio, public speaking.

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE RELATIVE TO PROJECT

Environmental geology, watershed science, sea level rise.

Sincerely,

Harold Wollenberg