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Subject: Nomination to South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
c/o California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Melissa Miller-Henson

Hello Melissa,

My name is Ray Fields, and I would like to nominate myself for the SCRSG. You may remember me from the initial Central Coast Stakeholder Group. I am president of The Abalone Farm, Inc., and we harvest kelp in the South Coast study area. I feel that it is imperative to the continued operation of our company that I am present to give our input in the selection of MPAs in this area. I can bring first hand knowledge of the areas that are of vital importance to us. Having been involved in the first failed attempt at designing MPAs, and then the successful second attempt involving the Central Coast Stakeholder Group, I feel that I have the experience of how these groups work and I can contribute to the process. I am willing to commit the time for full participation, and I know that it is a significant amount of time. I will be able to communicate with the other abalone growers and kelp harvester that use this section of coastline and bring their concern to the table. I know all of these people personally, and can communicate with them in person and via email.

My contact information is:

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I realize that the South Coast area is a geographically large area, with a wide range of stakeholders, and that it may be necessary to keep the number of participants at a workable level. If Ben Beede, general partner of The Cultured Ab in Goleta, is selected to be on the SCRSG, I would be willing to participate as his alternate.

Please confirm via return email that you have received this nomination.

Best regards,

Ray Fields