

Capt. Louis H. Zimm



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Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
c/o California Resources Agency
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Sacramento, CA. 95814
Attention: Melissa Miller-Henson

Dear Ms. Miller-Henson,

I am interested in serving on the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. I have been involved in recreational and commercial fisheries in the San Diego area since 1967. I hold a U.S. Coast Guard Master's License upon Oceans for vessels to 300 Tons. In addition, I was employed by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography from 1982 to 2004 as Captain and Mate of Oceanographic Research Vessels. I was also a SIO board certified scuba diver for Scripps and participated in a number of scientific studies of the Pacific Coast. I am presently retired from SIO but continue to be active in local marine oriented activities. I am the President of the San Diego Yacht Club Anglers, Board Member and past President of the San Diego Fly Fishers. I am a member of Trout Unlimited, International Gamefish Association and the United States Sailing Association. At this time, on my Sportfisher Altair as well as on the San Diego Yacht Club Race Committee's yacht Corinthian, I spend upwards of 180 days a year at sea off the San Diego Coast. I am actively engaged in introducing young people to the wonders of the Pacific Ocean as well as assisting the older members of our community to access our coastal waters.

Being experienced in oceanographic research over the entire south coast regional area, I have a balanced regional perspective, that combined with my local and commercial fishing experience, could be an asset to the MPLA process.

With my degree in Economics and Zoology from San Diego State University, I have the tools necessary to analyze economic and biological impacts of alternative proposals.

As former President and continuing Board Member of the San Diego Fly Fishers, I have an extensive background in environmental issues and in balancing various viewpoints to achieve appropriate solutions. I have often been required to express, represent and convey the fundamental interests of my club members.

As a member of the National Science Foundation's UNOLS Regional Ship Replacement Committee I became familiar with the processes involved in integrating the interests of a full range of constituencies, (in this case scientific groups and ship operators).

Having worked in both the scientific and marine-business worlds, I have made many valuable contacts which would enable me to reach stakeholders not attending public meetings. I maintain productive relationships with local Sport and Commercial fishing vessel owners and captains. I am also involved in the local kayak fishing community. I still maintain valuable relations with the SIO scientific community.

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OBJECTIVE: Nomination to South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

QUALIFICATIONS

Experienced Oceanographic Ship Operator and Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel Captain. Also participated in commercial fisheries off the California Coast.

EDUCATION

1970-1971 Attended Univ. of Calif. Santa Barbara

1971-1972 Attended Mesa College.

1972-1976 Attended San Diego State College

1976 Obtained Baccalaureate Degree in Economics from San Diego State University.

1977 Obtained first Limited Master's License from U.S. Coast Guard.

1978-2002 Continued education for upgrade of Master's License.

Presently holds Master of Steam or Motor Vessels of not more than 300 gross tons (U.S Domestic Tonnage) upon Oceans; Unlimited; STCW Certificate; GMDSS Radio Operator License; Marine Radio Operator Permit; Marine SQE Internal Auditor .

EMPLOYMENT

1973-1976 Owner-Operator of Commercial Fishing Vessel Moma Two.
Fished for rockfish off San Diego for Ocean Fresh Seafoods and Woo Chee Chong Oriental Market.

1976-1979 Mate, Captain Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels Crusader and Faith.
Operated vessels from Baja California to Pt. Sur California.
Passenger and commercial fishing operations.

1979-1983 Captain/Owner Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel Falcon
Passenger and commercial fishing operations.

1982/1984 Mate/Captain R/V Ellen B. Scripps of Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

1985-1987 Mate/Captain R/V Robert Gordon Sproul.

1987-2004 Captain R/V Robert Gordon Sproul at Scripps.
R/V Robert Gordon Sproul is 125 feet long and operates from along the Pacific Coasts of the U.S., Mexico and Canada up to 300 miles offshore conducting oceanographic research.

2004-2008 Retired from Scripps, Continues as Relief Mate on Commercial Sportfishers as well as operating Sportfisher Altair. Board member San Diego Fly Fishers, President SDYC Anglers



While not involved in past MPLA processes, I have closely followed the development and implementation of marine reserves in other areas of the California coast. In addition, I have visited Marine Reserves in New Zealand and Mexico.

During my years as a Commercial Sportfishing Vessel Owner, I was a member of the San Diego Sportfishing Council and the Sportfishing Association of California. I continue my association with the Southern California fleet as a relief sportfishing vessel operator. This keeps me in contact with many of the other area stakeholders. I also have much empathy for commercial fishers, as I supported my education by owning and operating a commercial fishing boat out of San Diego. I still maintain friendly associations with local commercial fishing stakeholders.

I would use personal communication to members of the Sportfishing Association of California, San Diego Sportfishing Council, captains and crews of both Seaforth and Islandia Sportfishing. In addition, I am presently able to e-mail and personally contact the 4000 members of the San Diego Yacht Club as well as the 400 members of the San Diego Flyfishers.

I have traveled extensively in Baja California, Costa Rica and Argentina. This has allowed me to refine my Spanish language skills, which would be of use contacting the Latino-American community in San Diego. My wife and I live in the Point Loma area of San Diego affording me quick and easy access to the San Diego fishing community.

Having long experience with and love for the San Diego and South Coast marine environment, I would be committed to successfully completing the regional stakeholder group process in our area. Being retired, I would be willing to commit the time needed for full participation.

Sincerely,

Louis H. Zimm

Captain of Research and Sportfishing Vessels

President, San Diego Yacht Club Anglers

REFERENCES

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