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Nomination Letter for the Marine Life Protection Act
North Central Regional Stakeholder Group

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My name is John Draper and I am the Assistant Harbormaster at Pillar Point Harbor and a member of the Coastside Fishing Club and the California Boating Safety Officers Association. Pillar Point Harbor is located approximately 25 miles south of the Golden Gate (San Francisco). We are a small craft harbor that is home to 400 vessels year around. The vessels lie in one of the 369 slips located in two basins. The west basin harbors our approximately 200 recreational vessels and the east basin is home to our commercial fleet. Some of our tenants prefer to moor out one of the many moorings. Pillar Point Harbor is one of the busiest fishing harbors on the west coast. During our various boating and fishing seasons we may have up to 300 vessels using our launch ramp.

I have fished recreationally and commercially for all species of fish in the waters of the west coast including but not limited to salmon, rockfish, crab, squid, and albacore tuna since childhood, in addition I hold a 100 ton Master license and occasionally run commercial passenger fishing vessels.

I am willing to commit the time necessary to help implement the Marine Life Protection Act in the North Central Coast. Pillar Point Harbor affords me a unique ability to directly communicate with several thousand salt-water anglers, commercial fisherman, and members of the general public, and the ecotourism industry and participants regarding the implementation of the MLPA.

The Department of Fish and Game has made it clear that local communities must be represented and in the last region there were Harbormasters from both Monterey (Steve Schieblauer) and Morro Bay (Jay Elder) on the stakeholders group. I feel it is very important to have a representative from a local harbor represent this stakeholders group. As the Assistant Harbormaster of Pillar Point Harbor I come in contact with a vast array of users and visitors who view this area of the coast as a special place. I have strong dedication and would like to improve this part of California ocean resources for all the users and visitors. I will be able to work with

the local government (San Mateo County) and user groups to ensure an equitable implementation of the MLPA

Thank you for this opportunity to volunteer for participation in the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative. Should you have any questions about my qualifications please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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