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### California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

I've been a commercial fisherman on the north coast for twenty five years. I currently hold licenses for crab, salmon, and nearshore fish in the North Coast Study Region. In the past I've participated in the sea urchin, shrimp, smelt, and invertebrate fisheries. I've also worked on Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels and sport fished in the area for just about everything starting in the nineteen sixty's. I have some fishing experience from Alder Creek all the way to Crescent City. But the most important experience and knowledge I'd bring to the Stakeholder Group comes from the last fourteen years fishing nearshore rocky reefs from Alder Creek to Usal Creek.

I believe my service as an adviser on DF&G's Nearshore Fishery Management Plan Committee that helped implement the MLMA proves I have the attributes required To serve as a stakeholder in this effort. I've also worked with DF&G and the Pacific Fishery Management Council on various committees to develop fishing seasons and catch limits.

I am a past officer and board member of the Salmon Trollers Marketing Association and am a current active member. The STMA has many crab and rockfish fishers in addition to salmon fishers and I intend to maintain close contact with the organization. Since my service working on the Nearshore Fishery Management Plan I've maintained contact with nearly all nearshore fishermen in the area south of Eureka and some as far north as Crescent City. I know nearly all the sea urchin divers in the area because they fish the same areas as I do. I'm well known and accessible in Noyo Harbor because I spend so much time there. And of course I have a telephone and internet access.

In addition to the knowledge and expertise I've given above, I also have done several cooperative research projects in the area. Including "catch per unit of effort", juvenile rockfish, and tagging studies. But my knowledge of how hard it is to work with government and large environmental organizations is most important.

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