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From: Christopher Chin [mailto:cchin@coare.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 9:18 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Attention: NCRSG nominations (fwd)

Hello and happy holidays!

I understand that my nomination for the North Coast RSG may have been misplaced. I'm resending the original message (included below) for your convenience.

I hope that the selection process is going well, and I would very much look forward to the opportunity to serve again with such a wonderful group of dedicated and impassioned people.

- Christopher

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Date: Sun, 15 Nov 2009 17:54:10 -0800
From: Christopher Chin <cchin@bigAl.steremberg.com>
To: MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov
Subject: Attention: NCRSG nominations

Nomination to the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Nominee:

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Christopher has a passion for the marine environment and the life it supports. He has been working in and on the coastal and near-coastal waters of Northern California for more than twelve years.

He has a particular interest in Oceanic Awareness and sustainable fisheries, and firmly believes that an understanding of issues involved and compassion for all perspectives provides the best path for policy and legislation recommendations.

Christopher served as an Alternate Stakeholder in the North Central Coast Study Region, and participated happily and enthusiastically through every step of the process from beginning to adoption of the Integrated Preferred Alternative by the Commission. With first hand experience, Christopher is well versed with and has faith in the collaborative stakeholder process, and is happy to commit to full participation.

With affiliations and working relationships with many group and organizations interested

in and dependent on the marine environment, or in public policy and awareness, Christopher has the ability to reach and represent a wide range of constituents.

Some of the organizations with which Christopher is affiliated, or maintains close communication are listed here:

- Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch Program
- Gulf of the Farallones NMS
- National Resources Defense Council
- California Coastkeeper Alliance
- Ocean Conservancy
- Surfrider
- COARE
- Ocean Outreach
- OceanHealth.org
- Bay Area Divers
- UC Berkeley Scuba Club
- NorCal Divers
- Dive Club of Silicon Valley
- Rattle The Cage
- WildAid

Christopher is a multi-agency scuba instructor and technical diver whose passion for the ocean stems back to childhood. He first became certified in 1996, and has been teaching since 1999 - diving throughout the North Coast Study Region both for pleasure and in working capacities. As a result, Christopher is quite familiar with the Study Region, both above and below the surface.

Christopher maintains working relationships with most of the scuba training facilities in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area, from Mendocino to Monterey, and as far east as Sacramento and Modesto. With personal connections to a majority of the fulltime, contract, and independent SCUBA instructors in the Bay Area, Christopher could easily reach a wide audience of interested professionals and their students with aspiring aquatic awareness.

Christopher is an accomplished underwater videographer and writer who has traveled extensively and speaks several languages. He is a staff writer for Deeperblue.com, a globally recognized resource for Freediving, Spearfishing, Technical diving, and SCUBA diving news. Through the posting of news items and or more in-depth articles, Christopher has the apability to reach a large number of locally and globally interested parties.

In early 2006, Christopher founded COARE (The Center for Oceanic Awareness, Research, and Education), and currently serves as its Executive Director.

On dry land, Christopher is an internationally recognized data networking expert, and has presented at numerous conferences and forums. He has close ties to many Universities, Colleges, and other Institutions of Higher Learning. As a direct result of his experience with and exposure to contemporary networking trends, he maintains an active a presence on many popular personal and social networking websites, such as Facebook and Twitter. Through such sites, and through COARE's mailing lists, Christopher can easily disseminate information to local, regional, statewide, national, or international audiences as necessary.