



Hopland Band of Pomo Indians

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November 30, 2009

Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA)
California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Nomination to MLPA Stakeholder Group

As the Tribal Chairperson for the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, I am nominating Benjamin Henthorne III to the MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. I have discussed his nomination to the Regional Stakeholder Group with him and Ben has stated his willingness to commit the time for full participation and his commitment to completing all aspects of the Regional Stakeholder Groups responsibilities in the implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act. His contact information is:

Benjamin Henthorne III
Tribal EPA Department
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
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Ben is a member of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians and has participated in traditional gathering of marine life on the California coast for his entire life. He grew up on the Cahto Reservation where his family traditionally gathered. During traditional gathering, Ben evaluates the condition of marine life based on knowledge passed on by his elders at the Tribe. Also, Ben collects in a sustainable manner as he was instructed by his elders at the Tribe. Thus Ben Henthorne can contribute to the Regional Stakeholder Group with his first-hand knowledge of the traditional gathering of marine life by the Tribe and his ability to communicate to local Tribal Elders.

In addition to his traditional knowledge, Benjamin Henthorne, is currently an environmental coordinator for the Hopland Tribal EPA Department. He has also worked for the Potter Valley Tribe as an environmental coordinator and for the Hopland EPA Department as a Water Quality Specialist.

Ben has successfully completed Mendocino College Courses in Ecology and Computer Applications at Mendocino College in Ukiah and is working toward a degree there in Natural Resources.

Roman W. Carrillo, Jr.
Tribal Chair

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Council Member

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In these positions, Ben has experience in working collaboratively with all the constituencies in a region to reach a balanced perspective on environmental issues while, at the same time, being a solid advocate for the constituency that he represents.

Ben will utilize the Regional Tribal Operations Committee, consisting of the Tribes of US EPA Region 9 and the Mendocino County EPA Directors Consortium to facilitate communication on the Marine Life Protection Act and the activities of the Regional Stakeholder Group with the Tribes of Mendocino County and the North Coast region. Also, Ben will conduct outreach to Tribal Members at regional traditional events hosted by local Tribes.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

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Roman Carrillo Jr., Tribal Chair



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To: NCRSG Nominations

From: Allen Cooperrider, EPA Director

Re: Nomination to MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Nomination letter for Benjamin Henthorne from Tribal Chair Carrillo is attached. Hard copy to follow in mail.

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