

Dr. John Keane – Alternate RSG Representative North Coast MLPA

1. Able to bring first-hand knowledge and perspective to bear on the marine resources of the MLPA North Coast Study Region.

John Keane is a life-long resident of northern California, sport angler since childhood, and has been a kayak angler for the past 5 years. He is acutely aware of the conservation issues facing California and the challenges posed for management, conservation, and restoration of our marine resources.

2. Able to balance a north coast regional perspective with localized knowledge.

In addition to being a life-long resident of northern California with local experience, John also has a Phd in Conservation Ecology from the University of California, Davis, that provides knowledge and perspective on bioregional-scale conservation planning issues and the associated scientific issues. Professionally, John is a research scientist with the Pacific Southwest Research Station, USDA Forest Service. His work focuses on wildlife-landscape interactions and conservation planning in the Sierra Nevada, California. Together, his local experience coupled with experience on bioregional-scale conservation planning provides perspective on the importance of considering both local knowledge and the need to integrate at the larger bioregional scale.

3. Willing to express fundamental interest (as opposed to fixed positions) and to clearly convey the interests of one or more stakeholder groups.

John has experience working on complex and politically-charged conservation planning issues that must address multiple interests representing multiple stakeholder groups. Through his current job and over the last twenty years he has participated in bioregional-scale land management planning efforts in the Sierra Nevada and has conducted research related to focal wildlife conservation issues in the Sierra Nevada. This work has required consideration of a wide range of interests and perspectives on solutions to conservation challenges. He is a strong advocate of considering the full range of issues in developing conservation solutions that are biologically, socially and politically viable.

4. Capable of working collaboratively, seeking to integrate the interests of the full range of constituencies.

John has extensive experience working collaboratively on wildlife and ecosystem conservation projects and bioregional planning efforts, both professionally and as a volunteer over the past twenty years. This work has required collaboration with a wide diversity of constituencies with widely divergent interests to address controversial conservation issues and planning efforts. He has served as an invited member on panels convened by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and The Wildlife Society to assess the conservation status and effects of management on wildlife species. He has also served for 26 years assisting with a long-term bird monitoring program conducted by citizen scientists, an effort that requires collaboration among scientists and public participants to educate and train citizens to conduct wildlife population monitoring.

5. Able to access and use an effective communication network to reach stakeholders not attending the public meetings.

John has regular communication with kayak anglers through the Northern California Kayak Anglers (NCKA) group website, representing over 1900 kayak anglers in northern California. He is also willing to expand communication and collaboration with other stakeholder groups to encourage knowledge-sharing and broad-based participation in the north coast MLPA process.

6. Committed to completing all aspects of the charge of the regional stakeholder group.

John is committed to completing all aspects and responsibilities of serving as an alternate on the north coast RSG. He recognizes the importance of the north coast MLPA and its significance for future conservation of marine ecosystems and resources, the socio-economic effects on impacted communities and entities, and the social and political impacts on local and statewide human communities.

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