

NOMINATION OF ZACK LARSON TO THE NCRSG

To: MLPA Initiative, Attention NCRSG Nominations
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North Coast Study Region Perspective:

I am a 3rd generation resident of Fort Bragg and Crescent City, California. My family operated a commercial fishing business out of Noyo Harbor in Fort Bragg and I participated in salmon and albacore commercial fisheries from multiple F/V during high school summer breaks. I have participated in various coastal and offshore ocean sport fisheries including abalone diving and nearshore spearfishing since childhood. I received bachelors of science degree in biology and zoology from Humboldt State University (1996) and have completed numerous post graduate courses and trainings from related to fisheries biology and ecology. I began my fisheries biologist career with the Yurok Tribe on the Klamath River and own an environmental consulting firm in Crescent City, CA.

Stakeholder Group Affiliations and Titles:

- Del Norte MPA Work Group, Liaison/Coordinator;
- Del Norte Fish and Game Advisory Commission, Chair;
- North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, Tech. Review Panel Committee (2004-);
- North American Salmon Stronghold Partnership, Liaison (2007-);
- Smith River Advisory Council, Coordinator (2000-);
- Yurok Tribe Fisheries Biologist (1997-2000);
- Cal Neva Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, member.
- Aleutian Cackling Goose Work Group member, (2001-)

MLPA Initiative Involvement:

I attended the MLPA Initiative webinars and MarineMap trainings and workshops in Fort Bragg, Eureka and Crescent City. I attended the 1st North Coast Study Region Science Advisory Team meeting and have provided MLPA Initiative presentations and updates during meetings of the Blue Ribbon Task Force, City of Crescent City, Crescent City Harbor District, Del Norte County Board of Supervisors, Del Norte Fish and Game Advisory Commission, Humboldt and Mendocino counties, Humboldt Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, and the North Coast Local Interest MPA Work Group. Related the MLPA, I am collaborating with these groups and the California Fisheries Coalition, Mendocino Ocean County Alliance, City of Fort Bragg, Open Beaches and Trails, Port of Albion, Shelter Cove, Bear River Tribe, Smith River Rancheria, Trinidad Rancheria, and the Yurok Tribe.

Outreach Mechanisms

Public meeting agenda presentations, Del Norte MPA Workgroup meetings, local media outreach, email correspondence lists.

Expertise/Knowledge

I am committed to full participation in North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group activities. I am educated in all aspects of the MLPA, familiar with marine ecosystems of the North Coast Study Region, and experienced in collaborative planning projects. My main areas of expertise are anadromous fisheries ecology and red abalone and I have work study experience with Aleutian cackling geese (marine roost sites), estuary habitat restoration, and marine mammal predation on fish.