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December 1, 2009

Cathy Reheis-Boyd, Chair
MPLAI Blue Ribbon Task Force
1416 Ninth Street, STE 1311
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: Mendocino County nominees for Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Regional Stakeholder Group

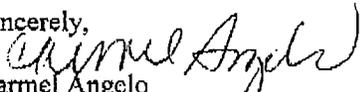
Ms. Reheis-Boyd,

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved the following nominees for the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Initiative Regional Stakeholder Group (RSG), at our December 1, 2009, Board of Supervisors meeting. We are pleased to have so many key members of our community make the commitment to serve in the RSG, and we are confident, that if nominated, they will serve in the best interest of Mendocino County.

Bruce Campbell of Albion (*Albion River Campground Manager*)
Terry Nieves of Albion (*nutritional sea vegetable harvest*)
Dan Yoakum of Albion (*Albion Harbor Regional Alliance, sea urchin diver, other commercial permits*)
Jim Bassler of Fort Bragg (*commercial nearshore fishing, representing the Salmon Trollers Marketing Assoc.*)
Tom Estes, Sr. of Fort Bragg (*commercial groundfish, crab, Farm Bureau*)
John Gebers of Fort Bragg (*recreational charter industry, President North Coast Fishing Association*)
Larry Knowles of Fort Bragg (*seaweed harvest*)
Jim Martin of Fort Bragg (*Recreational Fishing Alliance, Fish & Game Advisory Comm., Salmon Restoration Assoc.*)
Tom Trumper of Fort Bragg (*Ocean Fresh, sea urchin diver and processor*)
David Wright of Fort Bragg (*recreational kayak angling*)
Judith Vidaver of Fort Bragg (*Fort Bragg conservation, Ocean Protection Coalition*)
Atta Stevenson, Mendocino Pomo tribal representative
Bill Lemos of Mendocino (*diving, conservation*)
Peter Bogahn of Point Arena (*harbormaster*)

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working collaboratively with all stakeholders in this Initiative Process.

Sincerely,


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Assistant Chief Executive Officer

CC: Melissa Miller-Henson, MLPA Coordinator Resources Agency
Jim Martin, Mendocino County Fish & Game Advisory Commission



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December 2, 2009

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
c/o California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: NCRSG Nominations

Subject: Fort Bragg City Council's Endorsement of David Wright and Other Candidates for North Coast Regional Stakeholders Group

Dear Sirs and Madams:

The Fort Bragg City Council actively supports local efforts to participate in the ocean resource planning process imposed by the Marine Life Protection Act. The Council is gravely concerned about the potential negative consequences of newly designated Marine Protected Areas on our local economy. We believe it is essential that the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group represent the interests of the diverse stakeholder groups in our region.

The City Council submitted a letter dated October 26, 2009 endorsing David Wright for appointment to the Regional Stakeholder Group. We would like to reiterate our strong support for Mr. Wright. For the past several months, he has been serving as a liaison for the City, staying abreast of the MLPA process, helping to organize Town Hall meetings on the MLPA process, and funneling information to the Council and the community.

As a fisheries biologist, a recreational kayaker, angler, and abalone diver, Mr. Wright has a wide breadth of knowledge about local marine resources and he represents a variety of interests in the Fort Bragg community. Perhaps more importantly, he has proven himself to be intelligent, dependable, hard-working, level-headed, fair, and even-handed. Mr. Wright is an invaluable participant in our local process. He has been instrumental in helping to organize the local community effort to prepare an external array. The City Council strongly affirms its request and recommendation that Mr. Wright be appointed to the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group.

At the November 23, 2009 Council meeting, the City Council considered a "slate" of local candidates who had indicated their intent to request an appointment to the Regional Stakeholder Group. The Council would like to endorse the following candidates who represent stakeholders in Mendocino County:

NAME	INTEREST REPRESENTED
1. David Wright	City of Fort Bragg, fisheries biologist, recreational kayaking, angling, abalone diving

2. Jim Martin Recreational Fishing Alliance, Mendocino County Fish & Game Advisory Commission, Salmon Restoration Association, Sonoma Co. Abalone Network
3. Tom Estes, Sr. Fisherman's Marketing Association, commercial groundfish, crab, Farm Bureau
4. Bill Lemos Conservation, diving, Natural Resources Defense Council consultant
5. Larry Knowles Seaweed harvester
6. Tom Trumper Seafood processing business, urchin diving
7. Judith Vidaver Conservation, Ocean Protection Coalition
8. Jim Bassler Salmon Troller's Marketing Association, commercial nearshore fishing
9. John Gebers North Coast Fishing Association, recreational charter industry
10. Dan Yoakum Albion Harbor Regional Alliance, commercial fishing & diving
11. Atta Stevenson Tribal representative

We believe that all of the above individuals would make excellent community representatives on the Regional Stakeholder Group. Thank you for your consideration of the Fort Bragg City Council's endorsements for the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group.

Sincerely,



Doug Hammerstrom, Mayor



Dave Turner, Vice Mayor



Jere Melo, Councilmember



Dan Gjerde, Councilmember



Meg Courtney, Councilmember

Cc: Chair, Blue Ribbon Task Force
 Director, California Dept. of Fish & Game
 Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
 David Wright
 Mendocino Ocean Community Alliance