

Nomination of Richard Young

for the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group.

1. Nominee name and complete contact information, including email address (if applicable),

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2. A short statement to confirm how the applicant meets **each** of the selection criteria listed above,

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

I grew up in a fishing family. My father and two of my uncles were commercial fishermen. I was a part time commercial fisherman while attending high school and college, and a full time commercial fisherman from 1980-2003. I owned and operated two commercial fishing vessels, participating in the groundfish trawl, shrimp trawl, and Dungeness crab fisheries. I have extensive first hand knowledge of local ocean conditions over nearly forty years of fishing. Since 2003 I have been Harbormaster at the Crescent City Harbor District. Every day I hear from recreational and commercial fishermen, birdwatchers and beachwalkers, tourists and the general public about the condition of our ocean and beaches.

- B) Able to balance a north coast regional perspective with localized knowledge,

Managing the harbor effectively requires me to balance multiple competing interests. I work with commercial and recreational fishing interests, the local business community, and with tourism related businesses such as restaurants and retail shops. In the past, I have been an elected representative of fishermen's interests as a member of the Board of Directors of the Fisheremen's Marketing Association. While I was elected by fishermen in Crescent City, as a member of the Board of Directors I represented fishermen from Washington, Oregon, and California. I was also elected vice-president and president of the Association. While fishing I served for fifteen years as an economist on the

Pacific Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee. The SSC is charged with providing scientific advice to the Management Council for the entire range of West Coast fisheries, including Salmon, groundfish, and coastal pelagics. All these activities require balancing a local and a regional perspective on fishery issues.

- C) Willing to express fundamental interests (as opposed to fixed positions) and to clearly convey the interests of one or more stakeholder groups,

The fundamental needs of coastal communities are biologically sustainable fisheries that are also economically viable, and meet the social and cultural needs of *all* local constituents. Excessive conflict and an unwillingness to compromise are not in anyone's best interest. A successful outcome of the MLPA process will require compromise on everyone's part to ensure a result acceptable to all.

- D) Capable of working collaboratively, seeking to integrate the interests of the full range of constituencies,

In my job as Harbormaster I regularly work with fishing, business, and tourism interests to resolve conflicts and to develop collaborative solutions as specific issues arise. I have also worked with Environmental Defense in developing the groundfish fishery buyback program to reduce capacity in the Pacific Coast Trawl fishery. I am convinced that real success results from finding solutions that are acceptable (if not optimal) for everyone concerned.

- E) Able to access and use an effective communication network to reach stakeholders not attending the public meetings, and

The primary means of reaching stakeholders not attending public meetings would be to (a) continue participation in the Del Norte MPA working group as a means of communicating with other local interests, (b) regularly scheduled Harbor District meetings informing elected commissioners and the public, (c) occasional special meetings with local interests, and (d) availability via telephone, email, or in person at my office at the harbor.

- F) Committed to completing all aspects of the charge of the regional stakeholder group.

I have both a personal and a professional interest in managing our marine resources. My personal interest stems from my long involvement with earning a living from the ocean and my interest in seeing our resources available to future generations. My professional interests stem from my

involvement as an economist and harbormaster in the successful management of resources. I will commit the time and effort necessary to complete the tasks of the regional stakeholder group.

3) Where appropriate, identify current and past affiliations with stakeholder groups active in marine resource management,

- Member, Del Norte Fishermen's Marketing Association.
- Elected Board of Directors, Vice President, President of Fishermen's Marketing Association. Various years, 1980-2003.
- Currently vice-president, California Association of Harbormasters and Port Captains
- Secretary, Klamath Management Zone Fishery Coalition

4) A brief summary of past involvement in the MLPA or similar collaborative public processes to provide advice on natural resource policy or planning,

I have participated in the following groups offering advice on natural resource policy,

- Member, representing California Association of Harbormasters, of the Dungeness Crab Task Force, current.
- Appointed member, Scientific and Statistical Committee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council 1985-2000.
- Member. *Committee on Science and It's Role in the National Marine Fisheries Service*. National Research Council. Washington, D.C. 2001 – 2002 Review legal cases involving National Marine Fisheries Service.
- Member. *Committee on Improving the Collection, Management, and Use of Marine Fisheries Data*. National Research Council. Washington, D.C. 1999 – 2000. Review, summarize, and assess national procedures for the collection and management of fisheries statistics.

In addition I was part of several more groups through the Pacific Fishery Management Council process that helped advise the Council regarding fishery resources.

5) Willingness to commit the time for full participation,

If selected, I will be tasked to participate in the Regional Stakeholder Group as part of my job. I personally find this an interesting and important topic, so will spend the time outside normal work hours to ensure success.

6) Descriptions of the organizations and individuals with which the nominee will communicate,

- Local fishermen, both recreational and commercial, including the Del Norte Fishermen's Marketing Association.

- Businesses located in the local community, including restaurants, RV parks, and retail establishments.
- Tribal organizations including Smith River Rancheria, Elk Valley Rancheria, and the Yurok Tribe.
- Local environmental groups

7) Specific communication and outreach mechanisms to be utilized (give examples), and

Primarily will use email to disseminate information regarding ongoing issues, then focused small group meetings with various groups as the need arises. I am available daily via telephone or for meetings at my office if individuals have specific concerns.

8) Areas of knowledge or expertise relevant to the project.

- Thirty years experience as a boat owner and commercial fisherman in multiple fisheries on the West Coast.
- PhD in Economics.
- 15 years experience on the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council providing scientific and management advice to the Council.
- Practical experience in crafting win-win solutions to fishery problems as exemplified by the Groundfish fishery buyback program.