

**MLPA, Phase 3 South Coast Study Region  
South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group (RSG)**

**Nomination of Mr. Kevin B. Cooper, San Diego Freediver's**

**Mr. Ken Wiseman ,**

**Please consider Mr. Kevin B. Cooper for the RSG nominations.**

**Mr. Cooper has participated in the initial MLPA process 2002**

**As an alternate for Mr. Adam Kimmerly for the South Coast regional stakeholder group , participation can be verified by Mr. John Ugoretz.**

**MLPA Phase 1 (2004-2007) as an alternate for Mr. Ken Kurtis, Statewide Interest Group; and was an active participant in the tele-conference calls for the SIG. This participation can be verified by Mrs. Melissa Miller-Henson.**

**MLPA Phase 2 (2007- Present) as a Member of the Statewide Interest Group; and is an active participant in the tele-conference calls for the SIG. This participation can be verified by Mrs. Melissa Miller-Henson**

**Mr. Cooper is the DFG representative for the San Diego Freediver's spearfishing club and the San Diego Council of Diver's, additionally he is a member of United Angler's of Southern California and a past member of the San Diego Angler's Recreational sportfishing Club (1994- 2003) .The specific experience he brings to contribute to the RSG, especially the San Diego / Orange County region ; a surf – fishermen since 1984, a recreational sportfishermen (sportfishing boats) since 1988 , an avid kayakfishermen since 1994 and a spearfishermen since 2003 ; Mr. Cooper is also an experienced surfer since 1998.**

The perspective Mr. Cooper expresses, is the need to achieve a balance between protecting our marine eco-systems (a network of marine protected area's) while still allowing public recreation (especially in limited access area's) and monitored commercial activities.

Primary Constituent groups include :

San Diego Freediver's (San Diego county spearfishing club)

San Diego Council of Diver's (San Diego county Scuba & freediving / spearfishing club's both consumptive and non-consumptive)

San Diego Angler's (San Diego county sportfishing club)

LA Fathomier's (Los Angeles county spearfishing club)

Long Beach Neptunes (Los Angeles county spearfishing club)

Additionally Mr. Cooper has numerous contacts within the San Diego Co., Orange Co., Los Angeles Co. sportfishing communities, whose perspective's (marine resources and commercial businesses) could greatly contribute to the MLPA process and public acceptance / participation.

Communications / Interactions would include :

1. An MLPA Southcoast study region information update e-mailing (pdf format) to constituent groups club contacts (to be disseminated to members) and public message boards (Spearboard.com) to highlighting the process (what is being discussed & what specific area's) and notifying groups of public meetings & opportunities for public participation ,
2. Visiting groups monthly meetings and speaking about the process including discussions on specific area's ( high usage / low usage) , (high species diversity / low species diversity) as well as public accessibility .
3. Soliciting potential speakers with specific expertise / experience beneficial to the MLPA process , including sportfishing captains , marine biologists , business owner's .

I am fully committed to participating in the RSG for the South Coast Study Region and working with other stakeholder's , both consumptive & non-consumptive and moving the MLPA process forward to successful completion .

Sincerely,  
Kevin B. Cooper , San Diego Freediver's