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Nomination to the MLPA North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Nominee:

Christopher Chin
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Christopher has a passion for the marine environment and the life it supports. He has been working in and on the coastal and near-coastal waters of Northern California for more than ten years.

He has a particular interest in Oceanic Awareness and sustainable fisheries, and firmly believes that an understanding of issues involved and compassion for all perspectives provides the best path for policy and legislation recommendations.

With affiliations and working relationships with many groups and organizations interested in and dependent on the marine environment, or in public policy and awareness, Christopher has the ability to reach a wide range of people.

Some of the organizations with which Christopher is affiliated, or maintains close communication are listed here:

- National Resource Defense Council
- The Center for Oceanic Awareness, Research, and Education
- Ocean Outreach
- OceanHealth.org
- Bay Area Divers
- UC Berkeley Scuba Club
- NorCal Divers
- Dive Club of Silicon Valley
- Rattle The Cage
- WildAid
- Craigslist
- Craigslist Foundation
- The Center for Community Benefit Organizations

On dry land, Christopher is an internationally recognized data networking expert, and has presented at numerous conferences and forums. He has close ties to many Universities, Colleges, and other Institutions of Higher Learning. As a direct result of his experience with and exposure to contemporary networking trends, he maintains an active presence on many popular personal networking websites, such as Facebook and MySpace.

Through such sites, Christopher can easily disseminate information to local, regional, statewide, national, or international audiences as necessary.

Christopher maintains working relationships with most of the scuba training facilities in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area, from Mendocino to Monterey, and as far east as Sacramento and Modesto. With personal connections to a majority of the fulltime, contract, and independent SCUBA instructors in the Bay Area, Christopher could easily reach a wide audience of interested professionals and their students with aspiring aquatic awareness.

Christopher is also a staff writer for Deeperblue.net, a globally recognized resource for Freediving, Spearfishing, Technical diving, and SCUBA diving news. Through the posting of news items and or more in-depth articles, Christopher has the ability to reach a large number of locally and globally interested parties.

Christopher Chin is a multi-agency scuba instructor and technical diver whose passion for the ocean stems back to childhood. He first became certified in 1996, and has been teaching actively since 1999. He is an accomplished underwater videographer and writer who has traveled extensively and speaks several languages.

Christopher is a founding member and active participant of the Paavima.org team, which continues to provide relief and rebuilding opportunities for victims of the 2004 Tsunami in southern Sri Lanka.

In early 2006, Christopher founded The Center for Oceanic Awareness, Research, and Education, and currently serves as its Executive Director.