

Dear Ms Melissa Miller-Henson,

My name is Thomas Mesch, and I am writing to submit into nomination Kenneth Gwin as a diver representative for the North Central Coast Region MLPAL Stakeholder Working Group. Due to a family emergency, Ken is was not able to submit his application with all the requisite information, but will do so upon his return.

Ken is actively involved with all aspects of the diving community. He has been a dive instructor, is a trained and active technical diver, a avid skin diver for abalone and spear fisher. He is an officer of this diving club, Reef Divers, in San Francisco. He is also a member of BAUE, a Bay Area group of technical divers. He is also highly regarded member of the Bay Area diver list serve, ba_divers which has a membership of 15 hundred divers from Eureka to Monterey.

Ken has invited diver representatives to be guest speakers at Reef Divers to talk about various marine resource management issues, such as the Ground Fish Nearshore Management Plan, the Abalone Management Plan, the Central Coast MLPAL. He has given testimony before the Blue Ribbon Task Force on the MLPAL, and the Fish and Game Commission regarding the MLPAL, abalone recovery, and the status of ground fish and sea urchins.

Ken has written letters to MLPAL Comments regarding the Master Plan development, He has submitted comments regarding the different Alternatives and the boundary placements when the map drawing was being made, and he spoke before the August 2, 2006 August 15, 2006, and the February 2, 2007 Fish and Game Commission meetings. He would have been present in Bodega Bay on April 13, had he not had to leave the area on this family emergency.

Ken is self employed and able to free himself for all stakeholder meetings. He regularly drives in the North Coast Region for diving purposes and would not hesitate to break away to the seven "two day" meeting sequence. He is also committed to doing all the preparatory work, study and meeting with each individual stakeholder group as necessary to understand and appreciate all stakeholder interests and positions.

Ken will continue to participate on ba_diving@yahoogroups.com as one of it's most popular list members to keep the list members of 1500 divers informed of the ongoing MLPAL process. He will continue to keep his Northern Bay Area Club members informed. He is committed to visiting dive clubs in Santa Rosa, like the Pinnacles Dive Club to keep them informed. He will also continue to be a member of BAUE and Reef Divers, and to keep them informed.

Besides the email list serves mentioned above, he will also write articles in the California Diving Newspaper to keep divers Statewide informed.

As an avid breath hold diver, and a Technical Diver, Ken is personally familiar, not only in the shallow near shore bottom, but also in the more deeper topography on the Central/North Central Region. He has studied the topographical maps in the area as part of his diving planning preparations, as well as just for his enjoyment.

Please accept this nomination of Ken Gwin as preliminary information. Ken will provide you with more detail information by Monday morning, upon his return.

Sincerely,

Thomas Mesch