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**Nomination for Stakeholder Group for North Central Coast Regional Group for California's Marine Life Protection Act Initiative – Second Phase Participants.**

**1) Able to bring first hand knowledge and perspective to bear on the marine resources of the MLPA North Central Coast Study Region.**

I am an knowledgeable public contact incumbent with extensive experience at the Point Reyes National Seashore, Marin Headlands Area, Sonoma Coastline, Golden Gate National Park coastal area, and both the Cordell Bank and Farallone Island Marine Sanctuaries. As of the end of March 2007 I have performed over 100 volunteer hours as an Elephant Seal Docent and a Harbor Seal Monitor for the Dept of Interior and I expect to have over 500 volunteer hours donated by end of 2007. I also am a beginning scuba diver and am just now undertaking this recreation in both waters of the Continental Shelf and Pelagic Ocean within the margins of the North Central Coast of California. Within all of my duties and hobbies, I demonstrate leadership ability, integrity, and dedication to public service and public awareness.

**2) Able to balance a north central coast regional perspective with localized knowledge.**

Webster's dictionary defines perspective as: **2 a:** *the interrelation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed <places the issues in proper perspective>; also: [POINT OF VIEW](#) b:* *the capacity to view things in their true relations or relative importance <urge you to maintain your perspective and to view your own task in a larger framework -- W. J. Cohen>*

In addressing this requested criterion I offer skills that I have been able to develop both from my personal working environment and outside activities. I approach problems with a logical methodology to define the problem, identify any root causes, identify constraints, develop a solution, and obtain resources and then oversee implementation. I work well with any culture and can readily look at all sides of an issue yet remain considerate of the "big picture". My current acquaintance of the geographic areas that I bring as my first hand knowledge experience would be an asset to the group. My interaction as a stakeholder member of the group would be performed in a sagacious manner that is open minded with reasonableness, shrewdness and wisdom to mesh my first hand knowledge with other group members' essentials to give an inclusive image of the region.

**3) Willing to express fundamental interests (as opposed to fixed positions) and to clearly convey the interests of one or more important stakeholder groups.**

In addressing this selection criterion, I will first identify which group of stakeholders that I feel I am representing. *Ocean recreation, including diving, sport fishing, whale watching.* Serving in this capacity, I will have innate or ingrained characteristics that will be part of my interaction as

a member of the team. However I will also be mindful of the goals that have been published for the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative and consider all the fundamental interests of all the stakeholder groups' representatives. I also have wide-ranging contacts with Conservation groups, Educational and research associates, and other government agencies and will consider their significance and rank on important issues when expressing my thoughts. Lastly as a constituent of the great State of California I will keep in mind how the Marine Life Protection Act needs to have interaction and representation with all the stakeholder groups and be obliged to attain all interests expressed.

**4) Capable of working collaboratively, seeking to integrate the interests of a broad range of constituencies.**

While living in Wyoming I was able to be involved as a Federal Government employee of the Bureau of Land Management as a member of a task force addressing the reintroduction of the Grey Wolf to the environment. A central interest of this task force was between the State of Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Department having the ability to manage the newly reintroduction of the Grey Wolf. The two agencies had statutes that were in conflict with each other's codes. As an experienced investigator with Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies I was able to bring a very diverse background to this taskforce. I would embrace duties and foundations presented in a respectful and calm demeanor. Though my representative was on the Federal side of the partnership entities I also (at the time) resided in the State so had vested interest in long term decisions to make the alliance succeed. I wish I could say this taskforce was successful but failure was not from my efforts. Wyoming's Game and Fish filed a lawsuit with Montana against the US Fish and Wildlife Department because G&F did not feel they could manage Wyoming under the protection given to the Grey Wolf. Perhaps delisting the Grey Wolf solved this problem but I am unaware if the lawsuit has been dropped. My obligation during the duties was with no regard for special interest that could be perceived as biased.

**5) Able to access and use an effective communication network to reach stakeholders not attending the public meetings.**

I offer some innovative and unique communication networks that I am familiar with in using. The first is a staff member of the NOAA – Cordell Bank sanctuary who is performing the duties of maintaining a radio program highlighting sanctuary life. I know that public messages, concerns and feedback responses could be petitioned using this forum interfacing requests to the public on the radio. I would be willing to act as a liaison with this venue and even arrange for members of the task force possible to be on the radio show. The second rather unique way I would use as a communication network is using our California Senator's website to have similar messages and feedback requests published. I would contact a member of the Senator's staff and ask for assistance on publishing these requests within the Senator's respective newsletters or within the body of the Senator's websites (or both). I am again willing to act as the liaison for this communication system. Finally I would directly communicate either through email or verbally to various conservation groups, ocean sporting groups, scientific researchers/ educational institutions and other government agencies. I would also make sure fellow members/ stakeholder who are unable to attend meetings would also have their views or concerns expressed by contacting them as well and getting printed statements from the absent member to be presented.

**6) Committed to completing all aspects of the charge of the regional stakeholder group.**

I have an interest and dedication to the ability to be part of a process that solicits public involvement with any government process and believe this participation is both profound and significant. I think that as concern citizens we have a duty to become involved when new management plans are adopted and the public response period is generated. If selected for this group as a stakeholder representative I would consider first that this selection is an honor and privilege. Acceptance would be then followed challenging to be the most exemplary candidate as plausible. I would also respect the requirements needed to fulfill the duties and make all efforts to perform them to the best of my abilities. I also entrust the time needed to attend meetings and consign to the transportation and housing requirements that may be necessary for attendance of these gatherings in such a large region. I will also look for ways to save time and money and will make sure my performance does have an upstanding impact on the bottom line of accomplishing tasks and MLPA goals.

In conclusion I offer my passion to the cause and goals outlined by the MLPA committee. I grew up in California. During my professional career I moved out of state for promotions and furthering career interests. Recently personal events in my life have allowed me to return to California and I have found a deep personal obligation to the Pacific coastline, ocean environment and all the wildlife associated within the boundaries of the sea. I am concerned for both the wildlife that are resident to this habitat and the migratory animals that also utilize the abundant resources the California Ocean offers. As a grandparent I want to be able to share this with future generations of my family and other Californians. I am very aware of how small life sources have direct impact on larger species, and I offer the relationship between plankton and the Blue Whale as an example of this.

I also think there is great opportunity to enhance a tourism industry for California involving a network of National Sanctuaries, State MLPA areas off shore similar to the National Parks, Forests and State Parks, Forests on shore. I think the long term effects of this alliance could result in a tourism industry that can compete in a World Market not just Regional. I have a great love for wildlife and have seen documented cases where regions that embraced wildlife as a natural resource have been astounded by the results both economic and culturally. My personal favorite is sharks, white sharks in particular. I know that there could be a larger eco-tourism industry for California surrounding the marine flora and fauna assets but residents and government officials should be obliged to adopt this without exploitation of the natural world.

I would be comfortable serving committee needs contacting, arranging technical, educational, legal support lectures that may needed to be presented at meetings as a way to get a enhanced perceptive of issues being discussed. I offer skills in writing, editorial and reporting work to the group. I also can type 65 WPM so can help out with recording meeting minute's composition and publication.

I will continue to support the California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative process if not selected and I thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Patricia King