

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
Request for nomination to the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

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I currently work for Oxnard College Marine Center & Aquarium located in Channel Islands Harbor as a marine specialist. I organize our outreach to the local schools, k-12, coordinate events at the Center including our Harborside Speaker Series (Fall and Spring semesters) and maintain the exhibits, touch tanks and aquaria at the Center. I also help our instructors with their marine science labs. I go to our local high schools in the Spring semester to introduce them to the unique Marine Studies Program here at Oxnard College and the Marine Center in Channel Islands Harbor. I also coordinate with harbor events such as the Tall Ships Festival and Whale Festival. I have worked here for two years.

I also work for Island Packers, the boat concession that provides transportation to the Channel Islands National Park. I am an educator and naturalist leading school groups and the general public on hikes on the islands with

an interpretive program presenting the natural, cultural and historical aspects of the islands and the surrounding ocean. I have worked here for three and one half years.

With my experience at Island Packers and Oxnard College I am able to bring first-hand knowledge and perspective to bear on the marine resources of the MLPA South Coast Study Region and am able to balance a south coast regional perspective with localized knowledge. Because of the fore mentioned knowledge, I am willing to express fundamental interests and to convey the interests of one or more stakeholder groups. I am able to work collaboratively, and able to embrace the full range of constituencies. I am able to access and use an effective communication network for those not attending public meetings, (I have access to the Ventura County Community College District) and am committed to completing all aspects of the regional stakeholders group.

I have had no previous experience with stakeholder groups or any other public process on natural resource policy or planning.

I am willing to commit the time for full participation.

I will be communicating with: Ventura County Community College District, the Channel Islands Harbor and the Channel Islands Harbor Foundation, Tom O'Neil, (on the Foundation), The Nature Conservancy, Lotus Vermeer, Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary, Julie Bursek and the Channel Islands National Park, Dave Stoltz.

The specific communication and outreach I plan to utilize is through,

- 1) Public presentations at the Oxnard College Marine Center.
- 2) Emails through the contacts through the Marine Center and the Ventura County Community College District.
- 3) Presentations at local community groups, example: monthly board meetings at the local water district and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

My local knowledge of the Santa Barbara Channel and the Channel Islands National Park through my work with Island Packers has given me a larger perspective on the need for marine life protection in general. My work at Oxnard College keeps me in the network of other educational entities and their involvement in different aspects of marine resources. My association with the Channel Islands National Park, The Nature Conservancy on Santa Cruz island and the Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary keeps me current on the conservation and restorations efforts in our local area and statewide.

Thank your consideration,
DeeDee Anderson