

Nomination as an alternate on the MLPA Northcoast Study Region Stakeholder's Group

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I have been a resident of the north coast (Humboldt County) for the past 30 years. From my professional fishery biologist experience and education (BA in Ecology from UC Berkeley 1977 and MS in Fisheries from Humboldt State University 1988) I have gained the knowledge, skills, background, and contacts that would make me a contributing member of the North Coast Regional Stakeholders Group.

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

I am a 30 year resident of the north coast area, having come from the San Francisco Bay area to obtain a MS degree in fisheries at Humboldt State University. As a fishery biologist at Redwood National and State Parks (RNSP) since 1990, and previous seasonal positions from 1980 to 1990 at RNSP and the Klamath River estuary for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, I have gained knowledge of park and north coast regional marine resources. The park with a boundary that extends a quarter mile into the Pacific along its 37 mile coastline encompasses 5,700 acres of diverse subtidal habitat, sandy and rocky beaches, seastacks, and rocky intertidal habitat. The park also has a 49 year subtidal lease with the State Lands Commission along the park's coastline out 1,000 feet.

I am the marine program lead in the Fish and Wildlife Branch, Resource Management and Science Division, at RNSP and have worked to expand knowledge of park marine/estuarine resources. Specifically, I have been involved in marine and estuarine monitoring at the park. I assist UC Santa Cruz with sampling at three long-term rocky intertidal monitoring sites, a part of MARINe (Multi-Agency Rocky Intertidal Network), and am the park representative for MARINe. Since 1989, I have led estuary monitoring of salmonid populations, water quality, geomorphic process, etc., at the mouth of Redwood Creek, gaining knowledge of estuarine functions and processes, both biological and physical that are representative of estuaries/seasonal bar-built lagoons occurring in the north coast region.

I worked as the contract representative on two park funded marine studies, nearshore seasonal species diversity and abundance of fish in rocky and sand bottom habitat along the nearshore coastline of RNSP and an investigation of juvenile rockfish use of rocky intertidal habitat, projects accomplished by Humboldt State University. I was one of the co-authors and final editors of the RNSP marine watershed assessment report: *Assessment of Coastal and Marine Resources and Watershed Conditions at Redwood*

National and State Parks (California), which included writing the fishing and marine protected areas sections. I also led a SCA/COAST (*Coastal and Ocean Science Training*) Internship Program for three summers (2006-2008) that measured water quality along the park coastline including areas of freshwater influence at the Klamath River confluence.

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

The diverse RNSP coastline encompasses about 15% of the north coast MLPA study region, much of it representative of other locations within the north coast region. My National Park Service experience has taught me the value of the ecosystem approach versus a single species approach and such perspective is the same I would use to balance a regional perspective with localized knowledge.

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

I am willing to express my fundamental interests including the intent of the MLPA, the interests of the National Park Service, and those of sister Department of the Interior agencies (i.e. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) that also manage coastal and Humboldt Bay estuary public lands within the north coast region.

4. Capable of working collaboratively, seeking to integrate the interests of the full range of constituencies.

In the course of my fisheries career at RNSP, I have listened to the concerns of competing and conflicting interests, collaborated and compromised, and adapted when accomplishing projects while still following the mission of the park and protecting and restoring its natural resources for which we are entrusted. I have worked collaboratively with many diverse groups; adjacent private landowners (homeowners, ranchers and timber companies), the Redwood Creek Watershed Group, sportfishing representatives (CalTrout), staff of local, state, and federal agencies (Humboldt County Public Works, North Coast District of California Parks and Recreation, California Department of Fish and Game, California Conservation Corps, California Coastal Commission, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, NOAA Fisheries, and regional and Washington, D.C. National Park Service staff), university principal investigators and graduate students (Humboldt State University and UC Santa Cruz), and Tribes (Yurok Tribe).

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

I will use my resources, including email, to inform the public land managers, (many of whom I already have a professional relationship with from years as a fishery biologist on the north coast) of the MLPA process, progress, and issues that arise during the stakeholder process, accurately reporting my position and those of other stakeholders. I will also inform and confer with park staff and national program leads of the National Park Service, and MARINe, including those from different disciplines (e.g. marine mammals, seabirds, and invertebrate biology, interpretation, and law enforcement).

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

I have full support from the Redwood National Park superintendent and the National Park Service ocean program managers to participate in the north coast MLPA process and am willing to commit time to the stakeholder process.

On the north coast I have attended most of the MLPA meetings that have already occurred: the Ecotrust educational meeting with commercial and recreational fishermen, an open house, the data meeting, and two educational outreach workshops. I have experience with web-based software and attended three MarineMap webinars/presentations and obtained a MarineMap account. Prior to involvement with the North Coast MLPAI process, I followed the South Coast process this past year reading the South Coast newsletters and MLPAI announcements and viewing/listening to some of the public hearings on the web to become familiar with the mechanics and processes of the MLPA Initiative. I have been in contact with National Park representatives that participated in the South Coast and North Central MLPA process to learn from their experiences as stakeholders. Prior to the present MLPA process, I was involved in one of the earlier efforts to implement the MLPA, attending some local committee meetings and mapping exercises.