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To who it may concern:

North Coast Fishing Association (NCFA) nominates John Gebers as a member of the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group.

As President of NCFA I will be communicating current information to the members. My wife and I own and operate Mendocino Coast Tackle & Sport. We are located at 32450 North Harbor Drive, the hub of sport fishing supplies and information for Noyo Harbor. We are also a ticket agent for Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels at the harbor. Although we have the ability to communicate through the internet, our location and NCFA meetings are an asset because many concerned locals do not have internet skills and come here to keep informed. Networking on a daily basis with Party Boat Captains is also a huge asset.

I have been involved with decision making groups in the past that have worked collaboratively to integrate interests of constituencies. These include Planning Commissioner for the City of Fairfield, CA (2 terms), Chairman of the Board of the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, General Chairman for Measure C (a new high school bond), participant in the National Security Forum (U.S. Air War College) and others.

As a sport diver and angler off the Mendocino Coast for forty years, I have first hand knowledge of the North Coast Study Region. My experiences with the coast and my ability to communicate effectively will be an asset at the table.

My past long term commitments to worthy organizations is testimony to my ability to complete challenging processes.

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