

**Nomination for membership on the MLPA Northcoast Study Region Stakeholder's Group**

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I have been a resident of the study region for the past 3 years. During this time I have served as Superintendent of Redwood National Park (RNP) which is composed of about 80,000 acres of National Park Service (NPS) managed old growth and second growth redwood forest and 37 miles of coastline, and encompassing 3 state parks containing another 53,000 acres of redwood forest. The park's boundary extends approximately ¼ mile offshore of the coastline for the entire length of the park. My appointment to the stakeholder's group will represent the interests of the park and the NPS.

The staff at RNP has sponsored or conducted numerous marine related studies over the park's 40 year history that contribute to the body of knowledge which is pertinent to the MLP process. Park staff have and will continue to work with academia and the Department of the Fish and Game to identify and interpret such research and studies conducted in and around the park.

During my entire 33 year career with the NPS, I have worked collaboratively with the public on land, water, and resource management issues including those involving the consumptive use of resources within national park service areas. Over this period I have worked with disparate interests and communities to develop solutions to controversial issues and problems.

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

I have been a resident of the study region for the past 3 years. During this time, I have served as Superintendent of Redwood National Park which encompasses 37 miles of coastline and over 130,000 acres of redwood forest. This area contains all or portions of several streams and rivers considered critical habitat for a number of salmonid species. The park's boundary extends approximately ¼ mile offshore.

Park staff have over the last 30 years facilitated, supported, and conducted various research and monitoring programs involving anadromous species and marine resources. I have been engaged in the MLPA process by meeting with individuals and groups involved or interested in the process and by attending public meetings. I am also a recreational fisherman and crabber.

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

The boundaries of Redwood National Park take in a significant portion (37 miles) of the coastline contained in the North Coast Study Region therefore I, as the manager of this area deal with a significant number of issues and amount of data and information concerning this area on a year to year basis. In

addition however, I routinely work with other state, federal, and local agencies, special interest groups, and regulatory entities with interests spread throughout the north coast region, taking the interests of such groups into consideration when making management decisions and when working to protect park resources that may be affected by actions within this region. I also routinely work with tourism industry interests throughout the region. This experience, knowledge and partnerships provide me with a broad base of localized and regional knowledge. My appointment to the stakeholders group will serve the interests of a number of these entities and the National Park Service as a whole.

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

While my job is as a manager of resources within a national park, I also have significant personal interests as a recreational fisherman and crabber. I am willing to express my personal fundamental interests and to convey the interests of the National Park Service. I have demonstrated this willingness in various processes both as a representative of the National Park Service and as a community member.

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

I have served in various assignments with the NPS as a member or coordinator of a team made up of individuals with significantly different motivations and interests. I have served as the Designated Federal Official for a formal Advisory Committee established by federal legislation under the Federal Advisory Committees Act. I have served as a representative member on a number of boards and committees associated with community services and non-profit entities. In all cases, I have been expected to and have performed in a way that reflected a broad range of interests and opinions.

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

I will utilize my NPS communications network as well as Federal Interagency meeting forums and my individual contacts with other federal managers and partners to communicate with the multitude of partners that include universities, agencies, and nonprofits. I will convey information to park staff and other regional and national individuals in the NPS as necessary. This would include transmitting information to other federal managers of coastal resources and park superintendents throughout the state. More importantly, I will keep an open line of communication with fellow members of the stakeholders group and represent their positions accurately and fairly to all members of the public. While a number of other federal agencies such as BLM and USF&WS manage coastal and marine resources within the study area, few have local staff located near these resources. I routinely meet and work with leadership and managers of these other federal agencies and discuss how we can better partner with communities, academic institutions, Chambers of Commerce and special interest groups throughout the north coast. My appointment to the Stakeholders group will serve the interests of each of these agencies as well as the NPS.

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

I have full support from the NPS to participate in this process over its entire course.