



## Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

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November 30, 2009

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative  
c/o California Natural Resources Agency  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attention: NCRSG Nominations

To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to offer our nomination and support of Michelle Collins as an alternate for Jacque Hostler on the North Coast Region Regional Stakeholder Group for the MLA process. Mrs. Collins expertise of North Coast fisheries is substantial. She is the co-owner of the F/V Toni Rae II which operates out of Trinidad and Eureka, CA and has been captained for the past 10 years by her husband John Collins. Their fishing business currently includes dungeness crab, hook and line black cod. They also run a charter business for three and a half months during the summer. Mrs. Collins is the bookkeeper for the fishing and charter business and is thoroughly aware of the fishing grounds as well as the economic contributions that fishing and fishing related business have on the local community.

Before graduating from Humboldt State University, Michelle worked for California State Parks and San Mateo County Parks. While employed by San Mateo County Parks she worked at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve near Half Moon Bay, Ca.

Mrs. Collins has many ties in the community. She is a founding member of the Humboldt Women for Commercial Fishing, a committee member for the Blessing of the Fleet in Trinidad, a member of the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce, and the Humboldt Visitors Bureau. She has also worked for a local petroleum company for 7 years.

Mrs. Collins is very familiar with the MLPA process and has attended many of the meetings. Her local knowledge combined with her ability to provide insight and collaborate would make her invaluable to the MLPA initiative. Mrs. Collins is aware of the scope of commitment involved in participating on the Regional Stakeholder Group and has ensured her availability to the process. Her contact information is:

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Thank you for your consideration,

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