

MLPA Stakeholder Nomination
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Statements to address selection criteria

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 natural resource professional for both Tribes and non-profits on the North Coast for 15 years which has covered areas of marine and coastal resource protection. I am an avid recreational fisherman in the area for the same amount of time.

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

As the Environmental Program Director for the Yurok Tribe, and Environmental Planner for the Hoopa Tribe for 10 years collectively, I was appointed and elected several regional and national advisory bodies. I was responsible for bringing by own constituents' point of view and concerns over various issues as well as the collective regional and national interests to bare when negotiating various rules, policy and budget matters with government representatives.

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

I have an ethic of science-based resource and economic stability. I strive to have science and socio-economics inform decisions rather than emotion and rumor. I am also a resource protection advocate, but also consumer and understand and advocate for a balance that can be shown to and understood by the majority of community.

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

I have experience, both professionally and personally, of working with and maintain healthy relationships with a broad range of people on the North Coast, from Tribes to commercial fisherman, from environmentalists to agricultural communities, and most other interests in between.

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

In my most recent effort as a recreational representative on the California Dungeness Crab Task Force, I have used local online message boards from recreational fishing groups, postings at the local tackle shops, and announcements at Del Norte Fish and Game Advisory Commission, of which I am a representative, to keep the public informed and solicit input.

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

I do have a commitment to bringing my perspective, relative representation, and problem-solving skills to this most important process to the best of my availability. I am will not be a paid representative if selected, but purely a community volunteer. If selected, I will respect and honor the responsibilities of the position as equally as the process and logistics of participation are honored by the facilitation team.

Current and Past Affiliations with Stakeholder Groups Active in Marine Resource Management

- Del Norte Fish and Game Advisory Commission, Member
- California Dungeness Crab Task Force, Recreational Representative
- Del Norte Surfrider Foundation, Member
- Northcoast Regional Land Trust, Board Member

Past Involvement with Collaborative Process

- Klamath Basin TMDL development
- Klamath Hydroelectric Project re-licensing
- Crescent City Ad Hoc Wastewater Treatment Advisory Committee
- U.S. EPA Regional Tribal Operations Committee, Tribal representative

Willingness to commit the time for full participation

As stated above, I am willing to commit my full time participation to the reasonable extent feasible with the understanding that the facilitation team will respect the time and logistical restraints of full volunteer stakeholders in balance with those that are paid to participate in the process.

Organizational and Individual Communication

Del Norte County Fish and Game Advisory Commission – Commissioners and public
California Dungeness Crab Task Force
Recreational sector personal contact
Commercial sector personal contact
Conservation community

Communication Outreach Mechanisms

Humboldt Saltwater Association web board (currently used by me for Crab Task Force updates)
Marine supply store postings
Verbal and written updates at DN Fish and Game Advisory meetings
Personal contact

Areas of Knowledge or Expertise

Resume attached.

Thank you for your consideration,
[electronically submitted]
Kevin McKernan