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*Able to bring first-hand knowledge and perspective to bear on the marine resources of the MLPA North Coast Study Region. Able to balance a North Coast regional perspective with localized knowledge.*

Allen has been a lifelong recreational angler. With a summer home in Cazadero, CA, Allen regularly fishes and dives the Mendocino coast from his kayak. Often times he can be found simply touring the sea from his kayak. As such, Allen has a unique perspective balancing the consumptive principals of fishing with the non-consumptive mindset of a kayaker.

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

As an administrator, moderator, an policy representative of both NorCalKayakAnglers.com (NCKA) and NorthWestKayakAnglers.com (NWKA), Allen often times finds himself in the middle of opposing opinions, with his own opinion offering a third vector. Allen has proven to be an effective moderator and mediator. Both these groups engage in fisheries policy as it affects them. Allen utilizes consensus-building techniques to unify the members for the betterment of the community as a whole.

*Able to access and use as effective communication networks to reach stakeholders not attending public meetings.*

Allen's primary communication networks are NCKA and NWKA. These organizations number a combined 2200+ active members. As a recognized leader in the kayak fishing community, Allen is sponsored by Ocean Kayak and Kokatat Watersports (Arcata, CA). His extensive network in both media and enthusiasts extends well beyond NCKA and NWKA. He has been published or written about in Kayak Angler Magazine, KayakFishingMagazine.net, Fishing and Hunting, Northwest Sportsman, Field and Stream, and Fish Alaska Magazine. In addition, his adventures have been featured on the *Man Vs. Fish with Matt Watson* show and he is preparing for filming of an upcoming episode of *The Kayak Fishing Show with Jim Sammons*.

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

These days, Allen finds himself discussing the conservation aspects of the resource as much as the angling aspects. He believes it is an obligation to be active for the future of our fisheries, and is concerned with what he sees in regards to fisheries management. It is something he is passionate about to the point that he is taking 10% of his time off from his "real job" to pursue non-profit activities related to the CA MLPA Initiative. This ensures that he has the time to live up to his commitments for the CA MLPA Initiative.