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### MLPAI Staff re Nominations to North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

My name has been submitted for nomination to the RSG by Mendocino Ocean Community Alliance (MOCA), the City of Fort Bragg and the County of Mendocino. This is my response to the request for qualifying information.

I am currently the Chair of the Ocean Protection Coalition (OPC), a 501c3 under the umbrella of Redwood Coast Watershed Association. OPC's mission is to protect the ocean and all life therein. Recently, OPC has been addressing the issues of wave power, oil/gas development, and Navy plans to expand their weapons testing program. We have organized citizen participation in planning sessions held by the federal government for Renewable Energy and Outer Continental Shelf oil/gas development.

I represent OPC on the ad hoc "Mendocino Ocean Committee" along with others representing recreational and commercial fisheries, as well as Fort Bragg City and Mendocino County government.

I serve on the Westport Municipal Advisory Council advising the local community and the County government on issues of importance within the jurisdictional area from Ten Mile to Usal. Additionally, I am a member of the Organization Of Regional Coastal Activists (ORCA). ORCA is a California State group that collaborates on coastal issues coming before the California Coastal Commission

RE the MLPA, I am OPC's representative to MOCA, the MOCA sub-group, Conservation First, and to the Tri-County Working Group and have been attending their meetings. To my knowledge, within the groups working on the MLPA, OPC is the **only local group** dedicated to ocean protection.

I have been active in Mendocino ocean and coastal land use issues since 1987. Working with the Mendocino Sierra Club and local fishers and the entire community, we defeated plans to develop off shore oil here.

In 1991, for the Mendocino Sierra Club, I wrote and produced "Only One Ocean" a multi-image slide show documenting threats to the ocean and possible solutions. I toured the West Coast, Canada & Hawaii for the following three years educating the public about ocean issues.

As a co-founder of Friends Of The Ten Mile (FOTTM) I have spearheaded a number of campaigns to successfully defeat several projects that would have adversely impacted the most pristine estuary remaining in Mendocino. Along with State Parks, DF&G, USFWS, FOTTM, under my leadership, helped to defeat a proposal for a project that would have adversely impacted the MacKerricher State Park Inglebrook Fen-Ten Mile Dunes Natural Preserve.

As a member of the Executive Committee of the California Sierra Club, I led a successful campaign to resist attempts to gut the California Environmental Quality Act.

I am retired so have the time for full participation to see the MLPA process through.

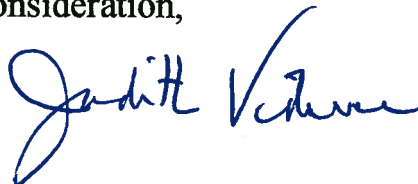
I am able to communicate through the local newspapers, radio and TV and OPC's newsletter, website and membership list, my extensive OPC and community list serves, by phone and in person. I will be in active touch with all the organizations listed above along with those specific to the MLPA efforts in the region. Also, many of my personal friends are involved in the MLPA process.

I am a certified naturalist and spend a lot of time with the ocean. I have intimate knowledge of much of the Mendocino coast and a basic understanding of marine biology, geology and marine processes.

My extensive activism in ocean/coastal conservation has given me the skills to effectively participate in group decision making.

Thank you for your consideration,

Judith Vidaver

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith Vidaver". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".