

Nomination for MLPA North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

Nominee –

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Education:

B.S. in Oceanography (1968) – Humboldt State University
M.S. in Fisheries (1976) – Humboldt State University

As the Sea Grant Marine advisor for Del Norte County for the past 33 years, I am uniquely aware of the marine resources of the North Coast District. I work closely with marine resource users of the area on research, education and habitat restoration projects. These groups include sport and commercial fishermen, coastal planners, seafood processors, environmental groups, state and local governments, and tribal communities.

I serve as a neutral source of marine resource information without showing advocacy for individual marine user groups. Over the years I have brought together as a workshop facilitator resource users that have been at issue with others and helped them resolve and understand each group's positions. I have the ability to work collaboratively with all groups and can communicate well through most media. I am committed to completing all aspects of the stakeholder group's responsibilities since I will be retiring on February 1, 2010 from my Sea Grant position.

Affiliations with stakeholder groups:

- Sea Grant representative to the California Dungeness Crab Task Force (2009).
- Chair of the Smith River Advisory Council (1991-present)
- Technical advisor as sportfishing representative to the Klamath Management Council (1987-2006)
- Technical advisor as the Del Norte County representative to the Klamath River Task Force (1988-2009)
- Chair of the Brookings (OR) Marine Protected Area community advisory committee (2007-2006)
- Chair of Curry County "Placer Mining Task Force" advisory committee (3 years)
- Member of the Curry County SB 1010 (Agricultural Water Quality) Advisory Council (4 years)

- Technical advisor to the Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition (1991-present)

I have participated in the MLPA process by serving on the Del Norte County MLPA working group and the North Coast MLPA working group for the past 2 years. Oregon has been developing a program of Marine Reserves through their Governor's initiative and I have served on Curry County and OPAC advisory committees to review this process. As chair of the Smith River Advisory Council for the past 19 years I have been actively involved in resource management and restoration for anadromous fisheries. I was part of the original scientific team that developed MPA guidelines for size and spacing at the Charleston, OR and Santa Cruz meetings in 2005.

I will be able to commit my time and resources to the North Coast MLPA process full time since I am retiring from Sea Grant on February 1, 2010.

The organizations that I will be able to communicate with include:

- Del Norte and Humboldt County commercial fishermen's groups
- Local sportfishing entities
- Smith River Advisory Council
- Del Norte County Fish and Game Advisory Commission
- Klamath River Fisheries Coalition
- Yurok and Tolowa tribal groups
- Friends of Del Norte
- Local governments (county and city)

I have the capacity to use local media, develop workshops and hold committee meetings with local groups to discuss MLPA issues. Some contacts will be made with individual community members.

My educational background in oceanography and fisheries gives me the expertise to understand the ecological, scientific and natural resource dynamics of the North Coast ocean environment. My Sea Grant experience of working with marine resource users for the past 33 years and personal background of being an avid ocean sportfisherman my entire life has provided me the ability to understand the resource values of the North Coast. I am a firm believer in ecosystem management that is interfaced with the economic, social and cultural needs of our natural resource oriented coastal communities.

I look forward to becoming part of a process that will provide some of the resource protection that is needed and will also consider the valuable aspects of the North Coast communities and their heritage.