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Sent via email to dthibeault@mendoco.com

Dear Mr. Thibeault:

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) took action related to the petition for regulation change you submitted to the Commission in December 2015 (Petition Tracking Number 2015-006) to remove the special closure regulations for Rockport Rocks due to private ownership of the rocks.

At its June 21-22, 2017 meeting, the Commission granted your petition; a schedule for the rulemaking has not yet been determined. As you know, the special closure was established to protect nesting and roosting seabirds from disturbance that can occur when visitors approach Rockport Rocks within 300 feet. In granting your petition, the Commission requested that you explore best management practices to avoid disturbing nesting and roosting seabirds as originally intended, and consider conducting educational outreach for this area.

If you have any further questions or concerns about the petition you submitted, or to discuss education and outreach related to avoiding seabird disturbance, please feel free to contact Marine Advisor Susan Ashcraft at (916) 653-1803 or fgc@fgc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Valerie Termini
Executive Director

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