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001	Leland	Anderson	Eureka				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	The restrictions we currently face in our region are overly restrictive. the population of the northcoast and sea conditions on their own donot allow for over fishing. Steamboat rock and adjoining areas have a very small percentage of catch. We are not the bay area or southern california.
002	David	Anderson	McKinleyville					
003	David	Anderson	McKinleyville	Samoa SMCA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I consider the Samoa SMCA to be a "ghost" MPA, as the proposed take regulations allowed, salmon trolling and crabbing (both commercial & recreation), are essentially the only activities occurring there now. In effect this MPA does nothing and was only put there to meet spacing requirements.		
004	David	Anderson	McKinleyville	Stone Lagoon SMRMA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I applaud this MPA, one of the only lagoons to be included in a proposal on the North Coast Study Region. People will disagree because of the fishery. However the lagoon is no longer stocked, and will not because of the new EIR for Hatchery Operations for California and conflicts with T & E species. Other users, the kayaking and camping will still continue. The lagoon is surrounded by state park lands, so this designation is more significant than in another area that is more impacted by human activities. Not every place has to be an extractive area.		
005	Anonymous	Anonymous	Anonymous	Big Flat SMCA	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Big Flat - mouth of canyon is the best halibut fishing. Please NO Closures Shelter Cove to Punta Glorda. It is not necessary!!		
006	Harry	Barnard	Fort Bragg	Albion River, Pt Cabrillo	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	I'm opposed to the Albion River Estuary SMCA, as it's a working harbor with clean water and abundant wildlife. Existing regulations are sufficient for its protection. I'm also opposed to the continued closure of Point Cabrillo to sea urchin harvest. It's been in existance long enough to have been studied and found to be overpopulated with sea urchin and a resulting overgrazing of kelp. A limited harvest would help the kelp bed rebound, with good results for other species i.e. abalone, rockfish, seals, sea lions, etc.	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	I'm in favor of Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2 as well as Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2. I am not in favor of either Ruby or Sapphire Proposal 1, mainly because of the inclusion of the Albion River Estuary and the Pt Cabrillo closure. Studies have shown that Pt. Cabrillo has become an urchin barren - without a predator, sea urchins over graze kelp beds in this region. Unlike S. Cal, there isn't a primary fish predator (sheepshead). Reintroduction of a non-human predator, sea otters, would be disasterous for crab, urchin, sea cucumber, and the people who depend on them.

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002	Why are there no SMR's in Redwood National And State Parks nearshore environment? If you allow for the 10 mile zones that users wanted around the ports (Crescent City and Trinidad), there must be more possibilities that those proposed within RNSP. Where is the public trust? This is a great opportunity to meld a state SMR with RNSP and effect very few extractors and protect the public trust.			
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006	The MPA planning process has been hurt by its assumption that it can do the people's business (implementing a statute passed by our elected representatives) without meeting the standards required of a government agency. Open meeting laws come to mind. Having people involved with real or perceived conflicts of interest is a real credibility problem. Involvement with the oil industry or ag industry taking of delta water needed for healthy fisheries aren't good backgrounds to be making decisions about coastal fishing closures. To ignore water quality issues of shore side and industrial uses while trying to protect marine resources by further limiting their catch seems foolish at best and a sinister attempt to divert the public's attention from the real culprits of marine degradation. Tribal sovereignty and native representation (local) have been ignored.			

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007	Macy	Bommelyn	Crescent City/Klamath	Pyramid Point, False Klamath	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Pyramid Point, False Klamath down the coast to south Humboldt. Local tribes to have legal gathering rights for any traditional foods in what traditional ways of gathering. Not to be specified or shared with other gathers. Among families to be monitored and educated in gathering. they often take baby fish, crabs, scrape rocks of shore for a traditional food that we as Indian Natives cannot do.		
008	William B	Bommelyn	Crescent City				Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	I think the local tribes should be exempt for hunting, fishing, and gathering in aboriginal areas.
009	Stan	Brandenburg	Eureka	South Humboldt Bay SMRMA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	What are we closing the bay for? is it really necessary?	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	It appears that the sapphire draft mpa proposal 2 addresses both the interests of the resource as well as recreational and commercial interests. In my opinion this is the best fit for the northcoast region. Reject these three, we have taken enough of the grounds away from the people already.
010A	Karen	Brooks	Bayside			.	Proposal zero (existing MPAs)	Using existing MPs, closure areas, fishing seasons and restrictions (both federal and state), etc. This alternative/proposal is not available to the public and it needs to be in an open, community-based planning process period. The NC Region has worked over the years to restore fisheries into a sustainable, responsible industry (sport, commercial and recreation). Add to this the area is extremely remote, sparsely populated with unpolluted water that proposal zero would allow current stakeholders and various entities to continue to work together without an additional regulatory level. With this proposal (0) more research through the biology departments at HSU and SSU and partnership with educational, fishing, and research communities could produce better outcomes and not require the expense of enforcement by F and G.
010B	Karen	Brooks						Lastly, this educational monitoring research/study focus should also envelope "chipping" GPS tags on fish, wild fish hatcheries, and aquaculture programs to restore fisheries and enhance biodiversity. Proposal zero is a rural alternative for a region that is the healthiest region. Proposal zero already meets GOALS 1,2,3,4 and with study/monitoring partnerships with HSU & SSU GOALS 5 and 6 would be met as stated in #2853
011	Larry	Bruckenstein	Garberville				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	As access to the Punta Gorda area is quite weather dependant (ocean conditions, etc, often limit access) I feel Ruby 2 is the best option for both anglers and the MLPA process.

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007	No closures for local natives.			
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012A	Jan	Buikema	Crescent City	Reading Rock SMCA and Wilson Rock SMCA	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	While I can live with the Reading Rock SMCA it should be moved South to the bottom of the circle and open for the commercial crab.  The Wilson Rock SMCA which should be open to rock fish. After all we have been reduced to the 120 feet depth and we should not be penalized further.	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	While I could live with Sapphire 1 or 2 there are still great concerns.
012B	Jan	Buikema						
013	Gary	Christianson	Eureka				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Please don't close down any fishing in any waters, it is unnecessary. mother nature already controls our access. regulate the seal population and regulate fishing by seasons, etc. Thank you.
014	John	Collins	Kneeland					
015	Michelle	Collins	Kneeland	Reading Rock SMR	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	Please allow dungeness crab take in this SMR, or make it a SMCA. The crab take is limited by, season, gender and size. No more regulations are needed to keep this fishery viable.		
016	Michelle	Collins	Kneeland					
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012A	<p>It is time that someone obtain some common sense about our area in Crescent City. Number 1 is the fact that this entire North Coast is amply protected by weather conditions - we have untold wind, fog, and rain conditions that make fishing an impossible action for days and days. Case in point; we have been here since the 11th of May and have only been able to safely fish 3 times to date. Number 2 is the unwarranted conditions this entire MLPA places on the economics of the town, commercial fishermen, and the sport fishermen. There is no decent reason for anyone to come to this area if they can't fish. We have been regulated to not being able to fish in waters over 120 feet depth and now we are being threatened with further restrictions that are an idiots who do not know fishing at all. If the MPA disappeared tomorrow things would be better. Number three is the Wilson Rock WSMCA which should be open to rock fish.</p>			
012B	<p>After all we have been reduced to the 120 feet depth and we should not be penelized further. If you consider that the legal take is 10 bottom fish, 2 Lings, and 2 Salmon the sport fisherman is not doing away with the fish population. My fondest proposal is that only people that actually fish be in the decision making process. Eliminate the non-fishing science people, the Fish and Game people that have never fished the ocean and the state personnel that don't have a clue as to what is going on in this location and then (and only then) will the fisherman have a chance!</p>			
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014		Green Rock & Flatiron Rock Special Closures	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Both of these closures are too close to Trinidad Bay and would interfere with navigation and would also present safety hazards in certain conditions. I am extremely opposed to both the Flatiron & Green Rock special closures.
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016		Green Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Not needed! Have any of you seen how many thousand birds are there? They are thriving.
017	Our fisheries are already regulated. Enough is enough.	Flatiron	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	All of the rocks near Trinidad are already protected from human traffic by their monument status. To have a closure 300 ft. around Flatiron Rock could prove to be dangerous for boaters and kayakers. If anything is flushing birds off their nests it's the abundant sea lions. I thought that Little River rock was the rock listed in a study with human traffic. Why isn't that rock chosen to close?

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018A	Rick	Copeland		Vizcaino SMCA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Wilderness Unlimited would prefer the north Coast MLPA Team consider revising the Vizcaino SMCA's use restrictions or consider realignment of same for the reasons contained in this letter. The area in question is an approximate 6-½ mile stretch of ocean frontage from Usal Rock to Rockport Beach. The loss of recreational shore access to this area would be a significant loss to one of California's best examples of private stewardship conservation. Historical perspective: Soper Co. (owner of the northern 5 ½ miles of shoreline) had the foresight to engage a recreation management company in 1969 to provide recreation/wildlife control, funding and access security. Other than a short time in the mid 80's access has been as tightly controlled as possible.		
018B	Rick	Copeland				In the late 1980's, Wilderness Unlimited (WU) became the recreation management company. WU's mission is: Conservation through Proper Utilization. WU is the largest private property recreation management company on the west coast. A key component of WU's management is onsite patrol. The property, referred to as Rockport or the deVilbiss Ranch, is the only example of a WU holding where ocean resources are part of the management plan. Mendocino Redwood Company (MRC), that WU also has a working relationship with, owns the remaining 1½ miles of the area (southern end) in question. Their beach access sees very limited use. The sheer cliffs, representative of Mendocino County, allow for a significant control of ocean access. The only access besides the MRC beach at the south end is a 1-½ mile steep 4x4 road down to an area where 100' of rope is needed to get to the beach. Only the Sapphire 2 plan allows for any access (limited) to this portion of the Vizcaino SMCA.		

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018C	Rick	Copeland				<p>Boat access to the area is possible but only at a great distance and the area's due west exposure (more rough days than not) is discouraging to most and often murky.</p> <p>The remoteness and ruggedness could allow for illegal land based activity if not monitored and patrolled by the interested parties.</p> <p>In addition, WU has exerted abalone take provisions on its users that are more restrictive than the normal F&amp;G regulations. The resulting abalone population is very stable. The last SCUBA survey conducted in the area was done 15 years ago. Free diving has confirmed a stable or growing population since that time. Rockfish are always plentiful as well.</p> <p>The nearby offshore rocks have provided pinniped (marine mammal) and shorebird habitat for the entire history.</p> <p>"The best available science" could conclude that this ecologically significant area be considered its own "marine conservation area", allowing limited resource use and take.</p>		
018D	Rick	Copeland				<p>The dedicated entities identified in this letter have, at great time and expense, set in place a long-term conservation stewardship partnership that also provides funding for other conservation and restoration efforts on the adjacent property as well.</p> <p>In closing, Wilderness Unlimited would be in favor of the general provisions of the Vicziano SMCA's IF and only if provisions were included allowing access from shore for recreational use and take (fishing and diving) without special restrictions. Use of the Goal 3 tool or the 1000' ribbon tool option as applied to the Ruby 1, Ruby 2 and Sapphire 1 plans if making the above allowances could be applicable.</p> <p>Wilderness Unlimited would be more apt to support the southern portion of the Sapphire 2 plan in the Round 2 Vizcaino SMCA if the same shore access assurances were applied to the balance of the Sapphire 2 plan.</p>		
019	Dan	Cox	Trinidad					

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019	its just away of life doesen't matter to you people the northcoast is in great shape leave us alone	Green rock & Flat Iron	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Flat Iron Rock and Green Rock are very important to the charter bait fleet and as a Trinidad crab fisherman in the winter when its storming we cut just outside Flat Iron for safety and an exclusion zone would make us go deeper where it's a lot more hazardous. Please leave these zones alone! The MLPA makes no sense in northern california. Leave us alone!

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020	Richard	Culp	Shelter Cove	Big Flat SMCA	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	I object to the Big Flat MPA proposed in the Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1 and 2. As a resident of Shelter Cove I spear fish and abalone dive near Big Flat. I have done so by boat and by foot. The remote location already limits access making it a trophy location for those few people capable of accessing this remote area. Weather conditions also make this area difficult to access. Closing this area will have no measurable benefit to marine resources as it cannot possibly be overused, but it will have a negative impact on the nearby residents, by further restricting our already limited access.		
021	Tom	Davies	Trinidad					
022	Tom	Davies	Trinidad					
023	Stanley	Dietz	McKinleyville					
024	Wesley	Edwards	Redway					
025	Dave	Fuller	Eureka	petrolia lighthouse smr/smca	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	The anme of this mpa should be changed. The name of the lighthouse is "Punta Gorda Lighthouse" and it is a national historical structure (and maintained as such). the name of the mpa should be "Punta Gorda Lighthouse" SMR or SMCA. Thanks!		
026	Alex	Glaros	McKinleyville					

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020	I object to the splitting of Stakeholders into two groups. The Stakeholders were supposed to be a representative cross section of interests, each individual bringing a perspective to the process that taken as a whole may have been representative of the population at large. Splitting this group in half results in both groups having only half of the whole perspective. If you hired a baseball team with experts in each position it would make no sense to field a team of only infielders or only outfielders. This tactic, even if justified in some way, has the appearance of deliberate manipulation to weaken the chances of a single unified proposal being developed. Divide and conquer appears to be the primary purpose. Correct this problem by putting the stakeholder group back together for the third and final round of proposal development.			
021	The North Coast Study Region includes an area that sees and is affected by a small number of people, especially when compared to other regions. This region is already heavily restricted by depth closures and by weather. Actual fishing days are very low because of our weather patterns, leading to a natural restriction to areas on the study region. Including these areas in the MLPA severely restricts any access and makes it extremely difficult for people of the area to make a living in fishing, tourism.			
022	I wish the planning would include more real science and look to other means of management. The fishing depths for rockfish are already limited to <120ft, thereby concentrating fisherman in these areas. Look to limits and regulations. consider using weather as a guide. Fishing days are severely limited on the northcoast, reducing impact on the fishing.	Flatiron & Green Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Green Rock and Flatiron rock are valuable to local charter boat operations as well as individual sportfisherman. Transit through these areas is beneficial for ALL fisherman, espically during rough water times.
023	sportfishers: great for all needs			
024	I am very upset about the possibility of closing Shelter Cove to fishing. I am stunned!! We have a 2nd home at Shelter Cove and my boat is almost 3yrs old. Fishing for Salmon is one of my favorite pastimes, (I am still making payments on my boat). If you close fishing at the Cove my real estate will become worthless and I will have to sell my boat at a loss. Why would you even consider doing this to our already decimated community. Give us a break and leave Shelter Cove as it is.			
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026	sportfisher: very doable as is			

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027	Susan	Golledge-Rotwein	Trinidad			Protect commercial crab (trap) and salmon fisheries by legislation.		
028	Liz	Haapanen	Caspar		Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	Is the sentence even complete to make these decisions? I prefer less restrictions. My native american friends come here several times a year to harvest seaweed - these proposals make it moderately difficult to follow the rules, even if they know them. They will be expected to get GPS devices just to harvest seaweed and fish - Outragous. And who will monitor all of this? What offshore takes over 3 miles out?	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	best
029	Bruce	Hales	Eureka					
030	Dan	Hawk	Loleta					
031	Ben	Hawkins	Trinidad					

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027	Several of the areas proposed for the MLPA in our area would cause economic devastation and hardship to our already economically challenged area. Specifically increasing the coast of doing business to provide local fresh seafood to the North Coast. Further, the proposed closures around rocks in the Trinidad area and Reading Rock will create navigational safety issues. Additionally, the rocks are already protected by BLM and further designations are redundant. To avoid the negative economic consequences, navigational safety issues and redundancy my public input on the maps as follows: Eliminate the special closures in the Trinidad area: Flatiron and Green Rock. Eliminate the Samoa State Marine Conservation Area. Allow Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishing (trap) in Reading Rock area.	Flat Iron and Green Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Eliminate these special closures
028	It feels like futility since my basic questions - almost oversight can not be answered. It's like - lets divide up the coast and turn the native americans into criminals. they have their traditions which this ignores.			How will these closures be monitored?
029				All Special Closure Areas on any proposal--Limit these closures to seasonal instead of year round. --I approve closures during bird & seal breeding seasons, but would like to be able to kayak these areas the remainder of the year.
030	Any closure will hurt the local economy. Its not sport fisherman. Have a open season or a bounty on outrageously over populated seal population. I think its criminal to waste tax dollars on a community who's job is to take away the tax payers rights!!!!			
031	Fishing has been restricted enough in the north coast region. By making more closures the economy of the county will be effected enormously. Also a lot of people rely on the food source, and by making closures people and familys that have been here for generations will have to re-locate. There arent enough fisherman in the north coast region to make an impact on the fish population in these waters. It is a basic human right as an american to feed yourself, from it's plentiful coastal waters.	Flatiron Rock and Green Rock Special Closures	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Flatiron Rock special closure I am opposed to the closure of flatiron rock. Flatiron rock is a big part of fishing for the charter boats of trinidad harbor, and also is easy access for small crafts such as kayaks a rental boats. Closing Flat Iron would cause of huge impact on tourism and local food sources for the people of Trinidad. Greek Rock Special Closure Green Rock is a large fishery for charter boats, commercial fishing, and recreational fishing. Closing green rock would cause a huge impact on local food sources, tourism, jobs, and the economy of trinidad and humboldt county. South Cape Mendocino I don't beleive that it is necessary to close south of Cape Mendocino, because it is already so inaccessable, that fishing it is not going to create an impact.

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032	Brenna	Hawkins	Trinidad	Reading Rock Offshore SMCA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Fishing brings so much money into our local economy sports fisherman spend money in our markets, hotels, bain shops, parks, resturants...etc. Local fishermen if these MLPA's pass will loose their livelyhoods. This will depress our already struggling economy. Reading Rock is already highly restricted. There is only one tiny spot where fishing is permitted. This proposed MLPA is excessive.		
033	Cathleen	Hayes	Redding/Eureka					
034A	William	Heney	Eureka	Stone Lagoon SMRMA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I am a catch and release fly fisher - i have fished Stone Lagoon for almost 30 years. I strongly object to the curtailing of catch and release fishing in Stone Lagoon.	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Of all the four proposals - this is the least damaging to sports fisherman. It's still a poison pill but more desireable than the other three.
034B	William	Heney		South Humboldt Bay SMRMA	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	South Humboldt Bay SMRMA - What happened to clamming in the south bay? there is no shortage of bay clams (martha washington in particular). I stronly object to cortailment of clamming in the south bay.		
035	Andrew	Hiebert	Red Bluff	Reading Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	I really enjoy fishing Gold Bluff Beach for surf perch. Please don't close this to me or all the others that fish here too. This beach in my opinion is the most consistent perch fishery of all the beaches in the north state area.		
036	Roberts	James	Fortuna					
037	Rod	Jones	Mendocino				Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	I endorse this as the wisest choice. You'll (we) have only one decent bite of the "conservation apple." I urge over-protection now in case of doubt re designation, as you can more readily move from SMR to SMCA in the future (vs the other way around). Let's not thumb twiddle as things go down the toilet!
038	Robert	Juntz	Fort Bragg	Albion River SMCA	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	This MPA designation for a commercial/recreational harbor with significant boat traffic would not be compatible. This could also complicate the use issues and create an uncertain future for the owners of the campground and commercial facilities. The Ten Mile and Navarro Estuaries should be sufficient for the science people.	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	Ruby 1: Too many MPAs! So close together with future potential to close too much of our ocean coastline down! Eliminate Mackerricher SMCA, Russian Gulch SMCA, and Van Damme SMCA, and Ten Mile SMCA. Sapphire 1: Again too many MPAs! Eliminate possibly Mackerricher SMCA, Albion Estuary SMCA and Ten Mile SMCA

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032	I can understand the need to restrict fishing in the larger areas of the State like San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California but the North Coast Cape Mendocino north to the Oregon boarder is already restricted and its fish supply is not being severely depleted. Our portion of the coastline is not endangered it is already well managed. Besides there is not enough fishermen in this area to make a high impact, compared to big commercial fishing done in the rest of the State!	Flat Iron Rock Special Closure, Green Rock Special Closure,	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Flat Iron Rock and Green Rock closures would be extremely detrimental to our local fisherman who rely on them for not only their income but food too. Tourism in the Trinidad area would be severely impacted.
033	You are going to push all tourism out of any closures as a tourist we come and stay 5 months of the year just for fishing. Leave it alone what works is good. If they take fishing away piece by piece from the people there won't be a reason to come here. I know at least 5 families in our trailer park that will not return if fishing is being taken away.			
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036	Tribal influences is needed to fight this unfair process making tribes exempt to take away the conflict is wrong. With tribal help we have a better chance of eliminating the MLPA. The MLPA is taking the easy way out.			
037	In general, the groups have done amazing work under tough time constraints - so, thank you all for your dedicated service on behalf of the public.	All	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	It seems that the special closure areas are at a minimum and all 10 should be retained.
038	Too much too fast - slow down! Please.	Rockport Rocks Special Closure	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Allow 300ft buffer for vessels



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039	Robert	Juntz	Fort Bragg	Ten Mile SMCA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Excluding spout abalone and commercial urchin harvest will lead to more concentrated effort in the areas north of this MPA. This will most likely result in future hardships for these two fisheries. I also believe you will see increased pressure from MacKerricher on down.	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Unlike the other proposals, this one does not allow the harvest of urchin, finfish, and seaweed in the Point Cabrillo SMCA. This would be back for the local economy because we are creating the Viscaino SMCA which does not allow urchin, finfish, and seaweed. This proposal also perpetuates the existing sea urchin barrens which have been well documented and are reducing the biodiversity of this area. Using existing sea urchin harvest regulations the area could be improved by take of urchin.
040A - see attached map	Daniel	Kruger	Strawberry Valley	Vizcaino SMCA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	<p>The majority of the land directly adjacent to the proposed Vizcaino SMCA is owned by Soper Company, a family-owned business which has been involved in CA forestry since 1904. Over that period, the Company has distinguished itself by purchasing cut-timberland with the long-term goal of rehabilitating the land and practicing sustainable forestry.</p> <p>The property adjacent to the proposed Vizcaino SMCA is a good example of that ethic. The Company has invested nearly fifty years of effort into this property, and we continue to do so. We are currently working in partnership with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District in conjunction with the CA Dept of Fish and Game on an extensive Coho and Steelhead fish passage and habitat restoration project, which we anticipate becoming a showcase example. We are also actively engaged in ongoing noxious weed control, erosion management, and redwood forest reestablishment. In the last three years alone, we have voluntarily planted over 200,000 redwoods on sites</p>		
040B	Daniel	Kruger				<p>previously taken over by brush and weed species. We are committed to the land and to the ecosystem. At the same time, we also have to contend with the negative realities of the marijuana cartels, methamphetamine labs, poaching, dumping, timber and burl theft, vandalism, unauthorized fires, and off-road vehicle abuse.</p> <p>In order to offset the costs of the restoration projects while deterring these illegal uses, the company implemented a long-term management policy in the 1960's that calls for limited grazing and hunting leases including recreational fishing, supplemented with intermittent low-impact timber harvest. This management plan has been successful to date. A similar model has been peer-reviewed and published in the University of CA's "California Agriculture" research journal, validating the Company's management plan. Further evidence of the Management Plan's effectiveness is contained in the SAT's "Outputs from Bioeconomic Model Evaluations: Biomass and Self-recruitment."</p>		

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039	Information is massive and overwhelming and not enough time to digest everything for meaningful comment.	Viscaino Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	This closure would interfere with commercial sea urchin harvest unless a vessel can come within 300 feet of that rock.
040A - see attached map		Vizcaino Special Closure	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	See comments for Vizcaino SMCA
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040C	Daniel	Kruger				<p>Analysis of the data shows that the area consistently leads in both unfished biomass and in self-recruitment. Currently 100% of the revenues from hunting and grazing leases are reinvested back into restoration and management projects on the property. The result of this long-term plan has been a net increase in standing timber and a direct benefit to forest, riparian, and coastal habitat.</p> <p>Soper Company's concerns with the Vizcaino SMCA are twofold:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The MLPA scoping procedure</li> <li>2. The impact the Vizcaino SMCA will have on our long-term land management plan.</li> </ol> <p>Regarding the MLPA scoping procedure, Soper Company raises the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No official notice was given to adjacent landowners inviting participation in the process.</li> <li>• No adjacent landowners, who by definition are primary stakeholders, are represented in the working groups.</li> </ul>		
040D	Daniel	Kruger				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No due diligence to determine the impact on adjacent landowners has been performed. The only reference in connection with the adjacent landowners to the Vizcaino MLPA is a partial sentence, "...the bay is not well-used because the beach is owned by lumber company that doesn't give many use permits."</li> <li>• No due diligence to determine the actual extractive use within the proposed Vizcaino SMCA has been performed.</li> <li>• No evidence demonstrating need for mandatory recreational no-take provisions in the proposed Vizcaino SMCA has been presented.</li> </ul> <p>In consideration of the impact that the Vizcaino SMCA will have on our long-term land management plan, Soper Company requests that eh Science Advisory Team, the Blue Ribbon Task Force, and the MLPA Initiative Team durtifully apply the MLPA Master Plan guideline: "To lessen negative impact, while maintaining value, placement of MPAs should take into account local resource use and stakeholder activities."</p>		

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040E	Daniel	Kruger				<p>With this in mind, please consider that all four current proposals of the Vizcaino SMCA in practicality prohibit any recreational fishing access from Soper Company's property. As currently written, implementation of any of them will destroy the foundation of Soper Company's successful long-term management plan in place for over forty years.</p> <p>Specifically, the only persons currently permitted to fish the area must be hunting club members. By contract, the hunting club limits extractive take to less than the state legal limit. Access is physically limited as well: the coastline along Soper Company property is comprised of steep cliffs with few shoreline fishing access areas. The lease fees for this access fund a significant portion of the long-term management plan. Without this low-impact recreational access to fish, funds will not be available for these ongoing conservation activities.</p>		
040F	Daniel	Kruger				<p>To summarize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current restricted access and the 20-mile distance from the nearest public boat launch significantly contribute to the conservation of the adjacent ocean resources and habitat.</li> <li>• The best available science demonstrates and supports that the historic and current limited-use model does not pose a significant negative effect on these resources; to the contrary, the long-term management plan encourages biodiversity.</li> <li>• The absence of the hunting club due to SMCA restrictions will likely result in reduced vigilance, increased poaching, illegal activities, and inability to fund conservation projects.</li> <li>• Soper Company has long recognized that ecosystems don't end at the high tide line, and in acknowledgment of this, the Company created a de facto marine protection area via management policy decades ago. We are concerned that although well-intentioned, the proposed Vizcaino SMCA will erode nearly fifty years of effort and create ongoing negative impacts to the adjacent land and habitat.</li> </ul>		
041	Kathleen	Lake	Trinidad	Vizcaino SMC	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	As such, Soper Company respectfully requests that the "take provisions" to the proposed Vizcaino SMCA and Special Closures associated with Ruby 1, Ruby 2, Sapphire 1, and Sapphire 2 be removed and amended with language that will allow for recreational fishing along this section of coastline without special restrictions. A map has been attached [per Comment # 40] illustrating the Soper Company private property boundaries and the boundaries proposed under Ruby 1, Ruby 2, Sapphire 1, and Sapphire 2 proposals.		

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042	Kathleen	Lake	Trinidad	Stone Lagoon SMRMA, Reading Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I strongly oppose the Closure on Reading I strongly oppose the Stone Lagoon SMRMA and the taking of all living marine resources. This is a severe restriction and unnecessary. It will also impact the economy of the area of the North Coast SIGNIFICANTLY!		
043	Kathleen	Lake	Trinidad	Stone Lagoon SMRMA, Reading Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	1) I strongly oppose the proposed Special Closure of Green Rock and Flat Iron Rock in the Trinidad area. This closure is highly restrictive and will significantly impact the area economically in this depression, local food sources, recreation and tourism. 2) I strongly oppose the closure of Stone Lagoon SMRMA. Stone Lagoon provides much needed recreation and tourism economic support. 3) Oppose closure of Reading Rock--significant economic impact!		
044	Kathleen	Lake	Trinidad	Reading Rock	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	No closure of Reading Rock!		
045A	Kathleen	Lake	Trinidad	Reading Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	This proposal restricts Reading Rock fishery-a primary economic resource for this area. Strongly oppose. No closure of Reading Rock!		
045B	Kathleen	Lake		Wilson Rock	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	No closure of Wilson Rock.		
046	Moonraven	Lake	Eureka				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	None of these proposals are fair or just to Natives. Regulations should not pertain to the Native people of this area. More work must be done to directly include Natives in this decision making. We believe in protection & conservation without these regulations. The non-Natives are the ones raping the marine life they are the ones that need regulations. Leave us be! We have to fight for everything we have & now a land taken from us, our rights stripped from us, and another non-Native is here to dictate to us what, where, and how we do things it's not justifiable. Regulate on those who need regulations. All these drafts should say Natives are excluded from these prohibitions.

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042	This p	Flat Iron Rock & Green Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I strongly oppose the Proposed Special Closures of Green Rock and Flatiron Rock. These areas are already protected, they provided economic interests to the town of Trinidad and the surrounding area in the way of recreational fishing and kayaking. Do not close these areas there is no reason to impact this community further economically.
043	Funding by HP corporation to drive closure of local businesses and livelihood needs to have checks and balances--this is not environmentally funded.	Flat Iron Rock & Green Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	1) I strongly oppose the proposed Special Closure of Green Rock and Flat Iron Rock in the Trinidad area. This closure is highly restrictive and will significantly impact the area economically in this depression, local food sources, recreation and tourism. Flat Iron Rock--Strongly oppose Green Rock--Strongly oppose
044	Process of taking public input is highly ineffective.	All	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Economica impact for this depressed area!
045A	Not user friendly--input difficient. Digital submission failed--hand written is not easy for everyone!	All	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	I strongly oppose the all special closures! Sugarloaf Island, South Cape, False Klamath, Pyramid Point, Castle Rock--Strongly oppose restrictions.
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046	None of these rules and regulations should pertain to the indigenous/Native tribes/groups. Mandate the commercial/sport fishing for non-Natives, but no one should try to mandated to us when, where, or how we should fish or gather. All that we do is in ceremony these rights to this coean was already given to us by the creator & man should not interfere.		Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	None of our fishing and gathering should be closed to us ever.



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047	Linda	Leahy	Mendocino				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	I agree with all proposals if red-no take and if blue-restricted take/recreation
048	Thomas	Leshner	Mckinleyville					
049	Raymond	Lodia	Shelter Cove	Big Flat SMCA	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Big Flat comment- I object to the Big Flat MPA proposed in the Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1 and 2. As a resident of Shelter Cove I spear fish and abalone dive near Big Flat. I have done so by boat and by foot. The remote location already limits access making it a trophy location for those few people capable of accessing this remote area. Weather conditions also make this area difficult to access. Closing this area will have no measurable benefit to marine resources as it cannot possibly be overused, but it will have a negative impact on the nearby residents, by further restricting our already limited access.		
050	Eric	Lund	Arcata	Reading Rock	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	I am strongly opposed to restricting uses of fisheries at Reading Rock. This location is considered by many the best scuba dive site in Humboldt County. The visibility is excellent due to its distance from shore. The quantity of rock scallops is excellent and the rock structure conducive for safe diving. To lose access to Redding Rock would diminish dive opportunities far out of proportion to the size of the site. For this reason I do not support the Sapphire proposals.		
051	Eric	Lund	Arcata				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	If I had to choose from these four proposals I would support Ruby 2 because it does not close Reading Rock or close the access near Tenmile (Kibesela).

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047	I would like any depletion of a species, like abalone, which is demonstration a high risk of impacting a food chains and ecological system - have a way to get an immediate response to protect against impact that is irreversable.	All-Ten SC	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	I like that the SC's, all ten be adopted.
048		All special closures specifically Green Rock/Flatiron Rock		I have fished the Trinidad Area commercially since 1976. Since 1990 I have operated as a 6-pack charter with the vessel Jumpin' Jack each summer. Looking at my peers I have spent much more time on these waters than anyone. These rocks contain lots of birds. They are also in the inshore routes for boats coming and going from Trinidad. These areas are used by kayaks and small boats as they are close to Trinidad. It makes little sense to confuse the public with any measured closure so close to town if you are protecting rocks that general sea conditions already protect. Since these areas have been proposed I have been trying to figure out how much, in my daily traverses, this would affect me personally. It would not be much. But, with 34+ years of experience in the area trying to figure out 300 ft will be IMPOSSIBLE for the general public.
049	Process comment -I object to the splitting of Stakeholders into two groups. The Stakeholders were supposed to be a representative cross section of interests, each individual bringing a perspective to the process that taken as a whole may have been representative of the population at large. Splitting this group in half results in both groups having only half of the whole perspective. If you hired a baseball team with experts in each position it would make no sense to field a team of only infielders or only outfielders. This tactic, even if justified in some way, has the appearance of deliberate manipulation to weaken the chances of a single unified proposal being developed. Divide and conquer appears to be the primary purpose. Correct this problem by putting the stakeholder group back together for the third and final round of proposal development.			
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052	Kit	Mann	Blue Lake	Reading Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Allow recreational fishing for groundfish at Reading Rock, either north or south of the rock. Sapphire proposals not good because rock is covered. Ruby proposals ok.		
053	Kit	Mann	Blue Lake					
054	Gordon	McCain	Wofford Hts				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1--Stop all closures--don not let Sacramento kill another economic base--as a matter of fact--fire Sacramento and start over--
055	Melvin	McKinney	Eureka	North Bay Humboldt Bay SMRMA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	The eel grass must be mentioned for impact on a yearly basis. Loss of eel grasses from impacts by waterman walking on it and harvesting oysters on it espically the rock and bag method of shading out the eel grass. also the clam reserves need to be monitored and marked for public recognition.		
056A	Jose and Bernadette	Mercado	Shelter Cove				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	My wife and I think That the RUBY 2 proposal would have the least social and economic impact on our small fishing village of Shelter Cove. We found Shelter Cove about 10 years ago and love it for its beautiful views of the ocean, abundant wildlife and great fishing. Shelter Cove is a small community of fisherman and people who just love nature.  We liked the place so much that we built a home there that we hope to retire to someday, but for now we need the revenue from renting this to the small amount of nature lovers and fisherman that make the long trek to Shelter Cove. The whole community depends on the short fishing season that is already in place. To restrict it any more in these already bad economic times would be a huge impact on property values and our small economy. The impact we have on the ocean resources are minimal.

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053		Flat Iron Rock & Green Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Kayak angling is the fastest growing segment of fishing. It is also minimally invasive and very "green". Clearly kayaks do not have the range of motorized boats. Therefore, in order to support and encourage this nascent sport, it is critical to keep all areas within 5 miles of kayak launch sites open to recreational fishing. Allow recreational fishing at Flat Iron and Green Rocks for groundfish as well as other species.
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056B	Jose and Bernadette	Mercado					Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	A lot of the homes in the cove are vacation or 2nd homes like ours. We get to fish once or twice a year. The very winding road out to the cove keeps the population down and the visitors to a minimum. Its a love hate relationship with that road. So once again the RUBY 2 proposal makes the most sense to all concerned.
057A	William	Morrison	Fort Bragg	Vizcaino SMCA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	The proposed Vizcaino SMCA, 100% of the coastline is privately owned. Soper Company owns the majority of the area: approx. 4.9 miles for Usal Rock to Rockport Beach. Mendocino Redwood Company owns the remaining 1.4 miles of the proposed Vizcaino SMCA. Soper Company takes issue with the scoping process of the SMCA because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No due diligence to determine the actual extractive use of the area has been performed</li> <li>- No due diligence to determine the impact on the landowners has been performed</li> <li>- No notice to the landowners was given with regards to participation in the process</li> <li>- The only note in connection with either the landowners is a partial sentence, "... the bay is not well-used because the beach is owned by lumber company that doesn't give may permits."</li> </ul>	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	*Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2 most desirable proposal* Area of use = 0.4 miles south of Sapphire 2 is the best proposal to consider for historic and current shore fishing and abalone which takes place of private property. These uses are extremely limited and limits are mandated to be less than state legal limits. Develop proposal to maintain and limit our historic and current fishing and abalone harvest which exits in small stretch of shore located 0.4 miles south of the Sapphire Draft Proposal 2 boundary.
057B	William	Morrison				Soper Company requests that all recreational take prohibitions in the Vizcaino SMCA adjacent to Soper's lands be eliminated from the NC draft MPA proposals for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The proposed Vizcaino SMCA prohibits the landowner from any practical fishing activity from his own property</li> <li>- The recreational "Take" within the proposed Vizcaino SMCA adjacent to Soper's lands is insignificant and does not materially contribute to the NC MPA</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The entire shore line of Soper's land is comprised of steep cliffs</li> <li>2. The shoreline is accessible at only one point via climbing ropes</li> <li>3. The only person permitted to fish the area must be members of a hunting club</li> <li>4. By agreement, the hunting club limits extractive take to less than the state legal limit</li> </ol>		

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057A	Thank you for opportunity to provide for public comments and concerns.	Vizcaino special closure	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Owner owns private property for 4.9 miles adjacent to Vizcaino special closure and SMCA - Sapphire draft MPA proposal 2 is best alternative for proposals to implement landowner's concerns.
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057C	William	Morrison				<p>5. Monies generated from the hunting club's lease fees are directly used for Coho and Steelhead habitat restoration, erosion management, noxious weed control, and redwood forest ecosystem reestablishment on the adjacent land</p> <p>6. The nearest recreational boat launches are miles away (approx. 20 miles), resulting in very few if any offshore access</p> <p>7. Without low-impact recreational access to fishing , these funds will not be available for the listed conservation activities</p> <p>In effect, Soper Company's lands are already a de facto marine protected area. There is no reason to add what effectively constitutes a ban on recreational fishing in this area.</p>		
058	Chris	Nelson	Santa Barbara					
059	Amanda	O'Connell	Arcata	Pyramid Point SMCA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	<p>This area is within Tolowa, Smith River Rancheria aboriginal and current reservation territories. This MPA proposes that there would be "No allowed take" which is not acceptable for tribal people of federally recognized tribes. Tribal Governments should hold their sovereign rights to fish and gather in this area which is a major/significant source of our marine resources which include: seaweed, smelt/night fish, sea anenomes, clams, barnacles, etc. This MPA would not only affect the nourishment of our people but also our religion, ceremonies, and the passing on of our entire culture to our children. Tolowa, Yurok, Elk Valley, Wiyot, Siletz, and several other close tribes will be significantly impacted in a bad and detrimental way if this proposal is passed.</p>		
060	Frank	Ohstine	Blue Lake	all southern bioregion MPAs	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	<p>I dive Mendocino all the time, the reefs are depleted of fish, why aren't there more protected areas?</p>		

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058	Overall MPA proposals are not geared for urchin stake holders (urchins stay generally in one habitat and move very slowly) and they have no business being utilized in California fishing because we are the most already regulated fishing community on the face of this earth. Stop what your doing, your taking jobs away from an economy that is already hurting. When the Park service does there studies they don't know where to look for high volumes of Sea Urchins and they are coming up with inaccurate conclusions and if the Sea Otters move down the Southern California Coast, there will be no sea urchin or abalone anymore. Otters don't respect size limits!			
059	Federally recognized Tribal Governments and their memberships should keep their sovereign rights to fish and gather on the California coast at their leisure and create their own regulations on "what/when/where" (marine resources). Tribes should not be required to report how much, or the location of these marine resources as it has been their sustinence and way o flife for thousands for years.			
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061	Gary	Peterson	Petrolia				Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	I support this proposal over all the others currently on the table. I've lived in Petrolia for 30 years, and feel the Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2, while not ideal, represents a suitable compromise that most stakeholders and residents can live with.
062	Dan	Risse	Fort Bragg	Ten Mile	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	The Risse Family Trust owns the 22 acres, 32500 Hwy 1 (APN15-490-X01) adjacent to the North Boundary of the 10 Mile SMCA. The boundary description is 39°35'20.00" but the boundary on the map shows it to be 10-15 seconds South. We would support the 39°35'20.00" line because it would protect the cove, which runs the length of the parcel. It has been constantly invaded by abalone poachers via the treed creek line, that runs from Hwy 1 to the trail down to the beach or by small fishing and urchin boats into the cove. Once in the cove, poachers can't be seen from land or boat. We have been working with Fish and Game to curb activities though they haven't enough manpower to respond quickly. As property owners of an area with "No Take Rules", we would have greater ability to protect this sensitive piece of oceanfront. The 39°35'20.00" line falls across the North end of a large rock peninsula providing a visual boundary mark .		
063	James	Roberts	Fortuna	South Cape Mendocino	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Steamboat rock closure is very bad for me. I ahve been fishing that spot since they have shut down the water over 120' deep. No closures would be best, but moving the seamboat rock closure 1 mile south of steamboat rock would be better than the current proposal.		
064	James	Roberts	Fortuna					

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064	These maps are vey deceptive. why don't they show the existing 120' groundfish closure this should be blue to show how bad it is.			

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065B	Ted	Romo				<p>“No person other than the owner, person in possession of the premises, or person having the express permission of the owner or person in possession of the premises shall discharge any shotgun within one hundred fifty (150) yards of any occupied dwelling house, of any residence, or any other building or barn or outbuilding used in connection with such dwelling house or residence, or of any building in the process of construction.” (Ord. No 1350, adopted 1974.)</p> <p>The second area is Big River Estuary SMP. The question is at what point does the SMP stop? California State Beaches and Parks owns some of this area, but apparently there are some private land owners within the upstream area in question who need to retain their rights to waterfowl hunting. Again, it is a better idea that a classification change of a SMRMA be adopted in order to cover this area effectively and not leave it open to guessing as whether or not one can hunt waterfowl on their own property or public property.</p>		
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069A	Susan	Sack	Shelter Cove	All of them	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	No public meetings have been held in Shelter Cove by the MLPAL. It is ironic that the MLPAL process is touted as being open to the public; we can all see it is not. This community will be heavily impacted by the MPA's and it still has not had a chance to locally give verbal input in opposition to them. Shelter Cove is subject to the worse fishery management closures on the entire California Coast and now we find ourselves the subject of more constraints with stakeholder groups imposing large MPAs just north of our port. The Big Flat SMCA is in the area that is "sheltered from the north westerlies and is commonly the only place rock fishing and abalone diving can occur when the wind blows for weeks on end. Coincidentally, there is a PRIVATE BLM retreat in the Kings Range Wilderness Area that is adjacent to the Big Flat SMCA that is heavily used by Big Green groups, supposedly including the Sierra Club and high ranking government officials, some of whom are represented in the stakeholder groups.		
069B	Susan	Sack				People are flown in in private planes to an airport in the wilderness area and privacy it seems is their top priority. The systematic carving up of our oceans to powerful user groups will lead to the general public's loss of its heritage to be able to access and sustainably use the resources provided by a healthy ocean. I believe the public is questioning the legitimacy of the whole process and I would like to voice my opinion against its implementation.		
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070B	Susan	Sack						

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070A	<p>Where can I view past comments? Why are groups split into environmentalists verses resource gatherers? Only one group will win and that will be the environmentalist group as they want to close off as much of the ocean as possible.</p> <p>My son is 17 and wishes to have a fishing LEGACY left to him from our forth generation fishing family not just something that he is not allowed to use because other users have more priority. Marine biologists, aquariums, aquaculture, power companies, state and federal agencies are not banned from their activities and they should be able to share State waters with him as he has as much right to use the ocean as long as he follows guidelines and rules that are meant to protect a sustainable fishing culture.</p>			
070B	<p>We live in a remote place that has few jobs. Fishing is the only thing left in the Cove that is legal. These closures are the last nail in the coffin of our fragile fishery. The more I read about the layers of closures the more I despair for him. He has a leaning disability that is a barrier to him in the jobs market but he is a great fisherman, like his dad. Our options are very few and I hope we can convince the BRTF and the F&amp;G Commission that children's fishing legacies are more important than closing off areas that are not threatened by overfishing. Where is the balance in all this madness?</p>			

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071	Marc	Schmidt	Eureka	Stone Lagoon SMRMA	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Stone Lagoon is not even tidal and should not be considered as part of any marine protected area. Proposal 1 is sufficient for the North Coast project as we are already heavily regulated by Fish & Game regulations and weather. Weather and our relatively low population create a low impact on the current resources.		
072	trent	slate	Garberville		Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Cape mendocino Punta Gorda are protected by the nasty weather is produces. Out of the 120 days we actually get to fish above the 40 10 line less then half of those days do we actually get to fish those spots. Has anybody even concidered these well know facts?		
073	Scott	Steinke	Eureka	Ten Mile	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Having restrictions around ten mile beach area isn't a good case scenario. There aren't that many areas to access the water to dive for abalone. I've been diving in Kepsillah area for 30 years and think there are more abalone than ever in this area. Please try to keep this area open for my sanity. Thank you Scott Steinke		
074A	Don	Steinruck	Fort Dick	Pyramid Point SMR	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	My concern is that taking the surf fish 1 day and night be allowed to continue for subsistance useage at out traditional surf fish camp. The area from the Oregon State line to the mouth of the Smith River is the location of our traditional family camp for drying surf fish of the Tolowa people. My family members have used this area for many years each summer in July and August. It is essential that the proposals continue to allow tribal members of the Smith River Rancheria to continue use without arrest or problems. a time honored area for a tribal tradition that needs to be respected now and in the future. I plead that you honor our traditional fish gathering/drying camp at this time. (Tribal identification cards help to monitor.) The gathering, drying, processing of surf fish is for self and family useage. We DO NOT sell out fish as a commercial item to make money.		
074B	Don	Steinruck				We may barter with the fish, give it to elders, and substain in a two year supply for ourselves and other family members. Help us keep a time honored tradition alive now and in the future. Protect, Protect, protect.		

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074A	Tribal useage in any of the MPAs as stated on proposals is essential. We gather seaweed, clams, and other edible items from the shoreline into the water. Please protect the ability for tribal members to gather traditional foods for self, family, ceremonial purposes. Protect, protect, protect.			
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075	John	Stewart	Redway				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	Ruby 2 is the least harmful of the 4 bad proposals set forth. Option of 0 MLPA is the best option for this area. Proposal 0 is appropriate given the healthy ocean ecosystem and the limited fishing opportunities in this area due to low population, limited ocean access, and weather and sea conditions that already severely limit fishing opportunities.  Also the quotas for small commercial fishermen are pathetically tiny and seem designed to put them out of business for the convenience of the factory trawlers. Limits should be raised for any boat under 50 feet in length and the giant commercial factory fishing boats should have their quotas reduced!
076	Marc	Sullivan	Shelter Cove					
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078	Marc	Sullivan	Shelter Cove	Big Flat SMCA	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Must allow for spearfishing and recreational take of abalone. Diving in this area has very minimal impact due to conditions. Big Flat is a special place that we've been enjoying for generations.		
079	Marc	Sullivan	Shelter Cove	Big Flat SMCA	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	Must allow recreational take for spearfisherman and abalone divers. Divers' impact is insignificant due to oceanic condition, access, temperture, etc.		
080	Mary	Walsh	Albion				Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	I support the sapphire 1. i think its important espically to have the estuaries protected given these function as nurseries and refuges, given the state of the salmon.
081A	Anna	Weinstein	Emeryville				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	On behalf of Audubon California's 55,000 members, we thank the Blue Ribbon Task Force for the opportunity to express support for a strong network of marine protected areas and special closures in the North Coast Study Area.  MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAs) We are in qualified support of the MPAs submitted by Ruby Group 1 and Sapphire Group 1 from Round 2. The basis of our reluctance for the MPAs is that none of the proposals as a whole meets size, spacing and habitat representation guidelines for the Marine Life Protection Act. However, Ruby Group 1 and Sapphire Group 1 proposals more closely approach science guidelines than the Ruby Group 2 or Sapphire Group 2. We encourage the Stakeholder Group and the Blue Ribbon Task Force to strengthen the MPA proposals in keeping with Marine Life Protection Act science guidelines.

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075	<p>Public has not been adequately consulted and the ocean has not been adequately studied. DFG is misleading everyone with each map that fails to mention the existing closures past 20 fathoms. DFG never mentions the highly productive marine environment in this part of the State.</p> <p>We feel like a bunch of bureaucrats who could not tell a lingcod from a cabezon are imposing their bureaucratic will on an area about which they know less than nothing. This area is not like any other part of the California coast and it is already adequately protected by geography and climate. My vote is No MLPA in this area.</p>			
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081A				<p><b>SPECIAL CLOSURES</b>  Special closures are crucial to the viability of seabird and marine mammal populations in the north coast. Breeding seabirds and marine mammals are prone to disturbance and are known to abandon their nests after as little as one disturbance event from boats, foot traffic or aircraft. This susceptibility to disturbance is the rationale for a 300-foot closure around the Farallon Islands National Wildlife Refuge; the six special closures recently put into place for the North Central Coast MLPA study region; and, for the initiation of the Seabird Protection Network of the Gulf of the Farallones National Wildlife Refuge.</p>



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081B	Anna	Weinstein						
081C	Anna	Weinstein						
082	Maribeth	White	Fort Bragg					
083	Robert	White	Eureka		Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	To restrict claming in the South Humboldt Bay Area is too restrictive, and not necessary. There are plenty of clams--don't punish the sports fishing folks who don't abuse the system. Many orientals do in my opinion need to be closer monitered--they take more than their share.	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	Both proposals are too restrictive for the sports fisherman, it makes no sense to keep restricting our privledges.
084	Charles	Wilson	Orick					
085	Mike	Wilson	Eureka				Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	Closures of recreational use will damage an already devastated economy in the Eureka area. Sacramento cannot balance a budget but they want to kill all of our economy.

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081B				Few areas in California are in more need of these safeguards than the North Coast. Its abundant rocks and islets supports 40% of California's breeding seabirds, over 500,000 individuals. Among the 13 species breeding here are California Species of Special Concern Fork-tailed Storm-petrel, Cassin's Auklet and Tufted Puffin. Seabirds are an integral part of the marine ecosystem and are appreciated by coastal residents and tourists, which generates revenue for the region. The North Coast's rocks and islets comprise most of the California Coastal National Monument, managed by the Bureau of Land Management, which ranks seabird conservation as one of its top priorities for the Monument.
081C				<p>In May the Special Closures Work Group, which includes commercial and recreational fishermen, agreed on 10 sites for introduction to the larger Stakeholder Group. These sites were selected for their high importance to breeding seabirds and/or marine mammals as well as their negligible impacts on recreational or commercial fishing access or revenues. Each site had been identified as a seabird or marine mammal hotspot by the North Coast Science Advisory Team. Of the 10 sites, Castle Rock, False Klamath Complex, and Trinidad Complex are considered globally significant colonies in that they support 10,000-250,000 breeding seabirds.</p> <p>We strongly encourage the Stakeholder Group to include all ten of the special closure sites in Round 3 and the preferred alternative. These ten comprise less than one-third of the important seabird colonies in the North Coast study area, as defined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and would go far to safeguard the North Coast's magnificent marine bird life into the future.</p>
082	I hope MPAs will do something to protect abalone.			
083		False Cape Rock Special Closure	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	It makes no sense to restrict False Cape closure. How can you close such a major area for "bird pressure"? Recreation fishing has suffered enough! No!
084	Many references are made to "tribal uses".. Pickups, horses, monofilament line, etc are not historical uses. Only the original "traditional" HAND uses should be allowed if any racial preference given. Racial preference is against the US Constitution. Most indian tribes are 25% or so indian, with the 75% non-indian. It is not honorable to ignore most of your ancestors. Indians should follow the same laws as the rest of americans. Federal laws cite "consistency" with state laws. Protection of our enviroment is more than just using some indian buzzword.			
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086	Tom	Wing	Shelter Cove				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	My wife, Leslye, and I have a cabin in Shelter Cove. The Ruby 2 proposal seems to have both the enviornmental and impact on humans in balance. We like many residents are part time and look forward to spending parrt of our retirement in Shelter Cove. Because of the remote nature of the village and the difficulty in getting your boat in the water the already shortened season looks to a lay person like me to have had the desired effect. While I don't care about catching any more fish than my wife and I can consume fresh, I have noticed an overall increase in size to the groundfish I catch. Please consider our comment when making the determination that my wife an I support the Ruby 2 proposal.
087	Pete	Winkler	Shelter Cove				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	Personaly prefer Ruby 2
088	Cal	Winslow	Fort Bragg				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	I support Ruby 1 or Sapphire 1 as going the furthest in protecting the coast.
089	Herrick	Hanks	Watsonville					
090	Kenneth	Burton	Arcata					
091	Herrick	Hanks	Watsonville					
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088	I believe there are many here on the north coast who strongly support reserves and protection - but have been hesitant to enter debate/challenges of fisherman. We have especially been thankful for efforts of our Mendocino High School teachers and students. Surely the gulf disaster must be a wakeup call for us.			
089	I am writing in support of the use of Special Closures associated with the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) initiative to establish marine protected areas along California's North Coast region. As the manager of the California Coastal National Monument, I have a strong interest in the protection of unique California coastal resources.			I am writing in support of the use of Special Closures associated with the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) initiative to establish marine protected areas along California's North Coast region. As the manager of the California Coastal National Monument, I have a strong interest in the protection of unique California coastal resources.
090	On behalf of the Redwood Region Audubon Society, for which I am Project Manager and Immediate Past-President, I wholeheartedly second Audubon California's comments (as expressed by Anna Weinstein).			
091		Steamboat Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I strongly support the designation of a Special Closure for Steamboat Rock (a.k.a. Battleship Rock). This islet is part of the California Coastal National Monument and the Special Closure provides a needed effort to help protect the dwindling seabird habitat along the California coast. Steamboat Rock has been disturbed in past years by the placement of an unauthorized flag pole on the end of the islet and the annual flying of a flag around the 4th of July, apparently by someone who has been swimming out to the rock. This action has been taking place right in the middle of the seabird nesting period and has caused an impact to the seabird colonies (i.e., common murre and cormorants).
092		False Cape Rock Special Closure	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I strongly support the designation of a Special Closure for False Cape Rock. This offshore rock cluster is part of the California Coastal National Monument and the Special Closure provides a needed effort to help protect the dwindling seabird habitat along the California coast.

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093	Herrick	Hanks	Watsonville					
094A	Herrick	Hanks	Watsonville					
094B	Herrick	Hanks	Watsonville					
095A	Herrick	Hanks	Watsonville					
095B	Herrick	Hanks						

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093		Vizcaino special closure	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I strongly support the designation of a Special Closure for Vizcaino Rock (a.k.a., Island Knob). This offshore rock cluster is part of the California Coastal National Monument and the Special Closure provides a needed effort to help protect the dwindling seabird habitat along the California coast.
094A		Green Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I strongly support the designation of a Special Closure for Green Rock. This offshore seastack is part of the California Coastal National Monument (CCNM) and the Special Closure provides a needed effort to help protect the dwindling seabird habitat along the California coast. Green Rock provides the habitat for the largest common murre nesting colony on the CCNM. There is, however, concern from two of our formal CCNM Stewards, the Trinidad Rancheria and the Yurok Tribe, regarding Green Rock and Flatiron Rock. The concern regarding these rocks includes both commercial and recreational fishing, as well as kayaking access. Part of the argument is that the current fishing and boating activities around these rocks does not disturb nesting seabirds, primarily because the top nesting colonies are high above the fishing and boating activities.
094B				The current activities around these rocks are relatively minimal, but they are also increasing. I would be willing to consider other alternatives, including development and implementation of a formal seabird and pinniped monitoring program for Green Rock and/or the initiation of a BLM closure to human access to the rocks, if the Special Closure alternative is not applied to Green Rock.
095A		Flatiron Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I support the designation of a Special Closure for Flatiron Rock. This offshore islet is part of the California Coastal National Monument (CCNM) and the Special Closure provides a needed effort to help protect the dwindling seabird habitat along the California coast. Coupled with Green Rock, this complex of offshore rocks and islands provides the habitat for the largest common murre nesting colony in California outside of the Farallones National Wildlife Refuge. There is, however, concern from two of our formal CCNM Stewards, the Trinidad Rancheria and the Yurok Tribe, regarding Green Rock and Flatiron Rock. The concern regarding these rocks includes both commercial and recreational fishing, as well as kayaking access. Part of the argument is that the current fishing and boating activities around these rocks does not disturb nesting seabirds, primarily because the top nesting colonies are high above the fishing and boating activities.
095B				The current activities around these rocks are relatively minimal, but they are also increasing. I would be willing to consider other alternatives, including development and implementation of a formal seabird and pinniped monitoring program for Flatiron Rock and/or the initiation of a BLM closure to human access to the rocks, if the Special Closure alternative is not applied to Flatiron Rock.

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096	Herrick	Hanks	Watsonville					
097	Herrick	Hanks	Watsonville					
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099	Herrick	Hanks	Watsonville					
100	Herrick	Hanks	Watsonville					
101	Christine	Damiani	Eureka	Pyramid Point		I was confused because the description of this MPA says it protects a diversity of habitats, including kelp forest. According to MarineMap, it seemed like this MPA mainly protects soft bottom habitat. In any case, I favor the Sapphire group's 1st proposal for Pyramid Point. It captures rocky shore and hard substrate habitat, but accommodates surf fishermen at Pelican State Beach who may otherwise have limited alternative places to fish.		

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096		Rockport Rocks Special Closure	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	Rockport Rocks includes a combination of rocks that are part of the California Coastal National Monument (CCNM), as well as two islets (i.e., Vizcaino #1 and Vizcaino #2) that are in private ownership. I strongly support the designation of a Special Closure for False the Rockport Rocks. The Special Closure provides a needed effort to help protect the dwindling seabird habitat along the California coast.
097		Southwest Seal Roc	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I fully support the designation of a Special Closure for Southwest Seal Rock, an islet that is part of the Saint George's Reef complex. It is currently under the administrative jurisdiction of the U.S. Coast Guard until it can be transferred to the BLM to become part of the California Coastal National Monument. The Special Closure provides important habitat for the federally protected Stellar's sea lion.
098		Sugarloaf Island	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I fully support the designation of a Special Closure for Sugarloaf Island along the northern portion of the Lost Coast. It is currently under the administrative jurisdiction of the U.S. Coast Guard until it can be transferred to the BLM to become part of the California Coastal National Monument. The Special Closure provides important habitat for the federally protected Stellar's sea lion, as well as seabird nesting colonies.
099		False Klamath Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I fully support the designation of a Special Closure for False Klamath Rock under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service (as are all rocks and islets within a quarter mile offshore of Redwood National and State Parks boundaries). This is a key area for seabirds and pinnipeds.
100		Castle Rock	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	I fully support the designation of a Special Closure for the 19-acre Castle Rock that makes up the Castle Rock National Wildlife Refuge managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. All of the smaller rocks and exposed reefs around the immediate area of Castle Rock are part of the California Coastal National Monument, including the sea lion rookery on the northern side of the big islet. This is one of the largest nesting islets along the California coast and provides a unique habitat for a wide variety of seabirds.
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102	Christine	Damiani	Eureka				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1	If 50-100 km is indeed the maximum distance that larvae can disperse between MPAs, then Ruby proposal 1 is the only proposal that contains enough MPAs in the backbone to accommodate larval dispersal between MPAs. Point St. George and Reading Rock are needed to protect hard substrates in Del Norte County. Ruby proposal 1's Reading Rock MPA replicates hard substrate habitat while minimizing impacts on the rockfish fishery. Pyramid Point and False Klamath Cove are important for protecting rocky shore habitat in the northernmost part of the region. Samoa provides important beach habitat replication, since there is such a long distance (about 100km) between Reading Rock and South Cape Mendocino.
103	Christine	Damiani	Eureka	Big Flat SMCA	Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Because there is such a long distance between Petrolia lighthouse and Vizcaino, I liked the idea of having Big Flat in between to provide some connectivity for beach habitat without greatly increasing socioeconomic impacts on the area.		
104A	Becky	Bowen	Caspar, CA Mendocino Coast Audubon Society and Save Our Shorebirds				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	We suport proposals by Ruby Group 1 and Sapphire Group 1 from Round 2 of the proceedings with these additional thoughts:  Ten Mile Beach Preserve, Ten Mile Estuary and MacKerricher State Park beaches that stretch south from Ten Mile River to Fort Bragg, CA (Mendocino County) are important stopping points for migrating Pacific Flyway shorebirds and our on-going long-term citizen science research indicates a need to continue to monitor and care for these beaches and offshore rocks. The habitat is critical and not only is it an important resting area for migrating birds, it also is an increasingly important wintering place for Western Snowy Plovers.  Our research for the last three years of summer migration indicates these total sightings for watchlisted (species of concern) shorebirds on these MacKerricher State Parks beaches: 2007 21,195 sightings of watchlisted shorebirds 2008 15,597 sightings of watchlisted shorebirds 2009 16,403 sightings of watchlisted shorebirds

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104B	Becky	Bowen						Watchlisted shorebirds that visit or live year-round on these beaches and shorerocks include: Western Sandpiper, Marbled Godwit, Black Turnstone, Surfbird, Red Knot, Sanderling, Western Snowy Plover, Long-billed Curlew and Wandering Tattler. Our surveyors also have observed Heermann's Gulls (another species of concern) visit Ten Mile Beach in significant numbers during summer months. Species of concern are "watchlisted" by National Audubon Society and the American Bird Conservancy. Many are considered indicator species for the health of the marine and intertidal environment. If these birds are in trouble, we're all in trouble.
105A	Todd	Bruininks	San Francisco/ Shelter Cove				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	Presuming the group is not willing to consider re-adopting "Proposal 0", which we could consider the control area when evaluating the other study regions to the south, Ruby 2 appears to offer something which is the least restrictive--and by extension "least economically harmful to the area"--to activities from shore outward. Adding Rogers Break and Big Flat to closed areas appears (this from the data offered on the web site from the UCSB models) to bring little additional to the table save economic trouble to small ports like Shelter Cove.  I have additional comments concerning my overall argument about these considerations, which I will add below.
105B	Todd	Bruininks						
105C	Todd	Bruininks						

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105A	<p>With respect to proposed closures--whether to seaweed harvesting areas, diving areas, fishing areas, etc--please note that the north coast protects and closes many areas through many times during the year all on its own. The winter brings storms. The other seasons have days on end of wind. Vast areas of the coast are already difficult to reach or altogether inaccessible due to extreme geography. DFG regulates seasons to such an extent that much of the year is closed to harvest for most of the fish being protected by the MLPA. If the goal of the MLPA is to allow species "safe spaces" to populate and thrive, then I would argue the north coast is already handling this duty. It is arrogant to think we can do better. If, on the other hand, the goal of the MLPA is to create vast underwater parks, then this is not stated in the MLPA guidelines--and the lawmakers who set up the MLPA legislation should go back and make this clear in new legislation (and suffer the electoral consequences).</p>			
105B	<p>I am a recreational fisherman and many of my friends are also. All of us want vibrant and sustainable fisheries. We add many dollars to local economies where we fish. And many of us spend lots of off time trying to help help the resource. We clean up beaches and we teach kids to understand the magnificence of the ocean. While it is fashionable to pit environmental groups against fisherfolk and both against tribes, I see this as mostly a cynical trick by big money or power interests to divide potentially large and powerful groups into small and conquerable ones. But I guess I digress.</p>			
105C	<p>I advocate the least restriction possible which will satisfy the requirements of the MLPA. There are many small economies on the north coast which depend in large part on the sustainable harvest practices and the fishing which have gone on for generations. I think the north coast (for reasons noted above) already enjoys substantial protection via its isolation and size which other areas do not have. To add additional (arguably artificial) protections where they are not needed invites unintended consequences (which humans are famous for creating) as well unnecessary difficulties for local inhabitants.</p>			

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106	Dave	White	Arcata				Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	Sapphire 2 would be my preferred proposal.
107A	Adam	Brown	Arcata				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	<p>On behalf of Audubon California's 55,000 members, we thank the Blue Ribbon Task Force for the opportunity to express support for a strong network of marine protected areas and special closures in the North Coast Study Area.</p> <p><b>MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAs)</b>  We are in qualified support of the MPAs submitted by Ruby Group 1 and Sapphire Group 1 from Round 2. The basis of our reluctance for the MPAs is that none of the proposals as a whole meets size, spacing and habitat representation guidelines for the Marine Life Protection Act. However, Ruby Group 1 and Sapphire Group 1 proposals more closely approach science guidelines than the Ruby Group 2 or Sapphire Group 2. We encourage the Stakeholder Group and the Blue Ribbon Task Force to strengthen the MPA proposals in keeping with Marine Life Protection Act science guidelines</p>
107B	Adam	Brown						

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106	<p>There does not seem to be much consideration of recreational divers in the process as posted. My main concerns are abalone diving, spear fishing and shellfish (Scallop) take. A few of the proposed areas do mention Abalone diving, but I did not see mention of shellfish or spear fishing. One of my main concerns is closure of the Mackerricher State Park area to abalone diving.</p> <p>Overall, your proposals are very difficult to go through which make comparison of the different proposals difficult. Some seem very restrictive, others not so bad. There needs to be a legend with each map outlining the closures in each proposed area. My preferred alternative is Sapphire 2.</p>			
107A			Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	<p><b>SPECIAL CLOSURES</b>  Special closures are crucial to the viability of seabird and marine mammal populations in the north coast. Breeding seabirds and marine mammals are prone to disturbance and are known to abandon their nests after as little as one disturbance event from boats, foot traffic or aircraft. This susceptibility to disturbance is the rationale for a 300-foot closure around the Farallon Islands National Wildlife Refuge; the six special closures recently put into place for the North Central Coast MLPA study region; and, for the initiation of the Seabird Protection Network of the Gulf of the Farallones National Wildlife Refuge.</p>
107B				<p>Few areas in California are in more need of these safeguards than the North Coast. Its abundant rocks and islets supports 40% of California's breeding seabirds, over 500,000 individuals. Among the 13 species breeding here are California Species of Special Concern Fork-tailed Storm-petrel, Cassin's Auklet and Tufted Puffin. Seabirds are an integral part of the marine ecosystem and are appreciated by coastal residents and tourists, which generates revenue for the region. The North Coast's rocks and islets comprise most of the California Coastal National Monument, managed by the Bureau of Land Management, which ranks seabird conservation as one of its top priorities for the Monument.</p>

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107C	Adam	Brown						
108A	Irwin	Haydock	Fountain Valley					

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107C				<p>In May the Special Closures Work Group, which includes commercial and recreational fishermen, agreed on 10 sites for introduction to the larger Stakeholder Group. These sites were selected for their high importance to breeding seabirds and/or marine mammals as well as their negligible impacts on recreational or commercial fishing access or revenues. Each site had been identified as a seabird or marine mammal hotspot by the North Coast Science Advisory Team. Of the 10 sites, Castle Rock, False Klamath Complex, and Trinidad Complex are considered globally significant colonies in that they support 10,000-250,000 breeding seabirds.</p> <p>We strongly encourage the Stakeholder Group to include all ten of the special closure sites in Round 3 and the preferred alternative. These ten comprise less than one-third of the important seabird colonies in the North Coast study area, as defined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and would go far to safeguard the North Coast's magnificent marine bird life into the future.</p>
108A	<p>Once again, in the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Groups have failed to provide the requisite number and size of habitats that are necessary to test the hypothesis that a SMR or SMCA is providing cover for resources that is necessary to balance take in other similar reaches. Somewhere in the MPA system we need adequate replicas to demonstrate the value of each type (SMRs, SMCAs, and etc.) of set-aside system to achieve a productive and healthy marine ecosystem.</p> <p>The necessary monitoring and collaborative adaptive management techniques to benefit from our efforts must have enough replicates to allow powerful statistical as well as observational testing. Each replicate pair should have meaningful indicators set and predicted goals for 5, 10, 15 yr time increments of simple, straight-forward measured results. And the regulatory and monitoring effort should be able to be carried out by easily trained individuals, at first under the watchful eye of professionals. So far, I have not seen an adequate array of</p>			



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108B	Irwin	Haydock						
109A	Jan	Zeiters	McKinleyville	Northern Humboldt	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1	<p>I am 100% opposed to the closure of North Humboldt Bay, I'll accept the establishment in the south bay near the refuge as that only makes good sense.</p> <p>The North Bay area is a seasonal halibut fishery for many of us older anglers that can't go outside of the bay to fish and you will be denying us the small area we can safely fish, please do not close it.</p>		
109B	Jan	Zeiters						

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108B	<p>SMRs anywhere in State waters, except offshore Southern California in the Federal Northern Channel Islands. With out some distinct coastal arrays, meeting set scientific criteria, I fear that all MLPA efforts are doomed to failure prior to their birth.</p> <p>Choose large segments, adequately replicated and monitored. The total area of SMRs is miniscule compared to the total shoreline and the problems we are imposing on our precious living nearshore marine resources.</p> <p>Everyone on the SATs, BRTFs, RSGs, and F&amp;G Commission should be required to read Rachel Carson's books, including "The Sea Around Us, 1950" brought up to date in the 1989 special edition by Oxford Press. This will help all of us to understand how much a part of the sea our species really is. We have changed the face of our billion year old habitat in just a few hundred years. It is time to reverse some of this hurt which I have been a part of over the past several decades.</p> <p>I sincerely hope you will do the right thing now. Good luck and good fishing.</p>			
109A	<p>* Why does the MLPA engage in cultural genocide by banning the Kashia Pomo Tribe from harvesting seaweed and shellfish off their sacred site, "Danaka," in Sonoma County?</p> <p>* Why has the Initiative shown no respect for tribal subsistence and ceremonial rights? This is an overt violation of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. Article 32, Section 2, of the Declaration mandates "free prior and informed consent" in consultation with the indigenous population affected by a state action (<a href="http://www.iwgia.org/sw248.asp">_http://www.iwgia.org/sw248.asp_</a>).</p> <p>* Why did MLPA staff until recently violate the Bagley-Keene Act and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution by banning video and audio coverage of the initiative's secretive work sessions?</p>	False Cape Rock Special Closure	Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 1, Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 1, Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2	<p>No special closures at the false cape, there's little enough activity there due to the weather and the birds don't seem to mind a few boats around when we are there on in the area.</p> <p>It's exclusionary and foolish to close it for the birds.</p>
109B	<p>* Why do the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) and Science Advisory Team continue to violate the California Public Records Act by refusing to respond to numerous requests by Bob Fletcher, former DFG Deputy Director, for key documents and records pertaining to the MLPA implementation process?</p> <p>* Why did the Governor and MLPA officials install an oil industry lobbyist, a marina developer, a real estate executive and other corporate interests as "marine guardians" to kick Indian Tribes, fishermen and seaweed harvesters, the greatest defenders of the oceans, off the ocean?</p> <p>* Why is Catherine Reheis-Boyd, the president of the Western States Petroleum Association, allowed to make decisions as the chair of the BRTF for the South Coast and as a member of the BRTF for the North Coast, panels that are supposedly designed to "protect" the ocean, when she has called for new oil drilling off the California coast?</p>			

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109C	Jan	Zeiters						
109D	Jan	Zeiters						
109E	Jan	Zeiters						
110	Lonnie	Dollarhide	Eureka, ca					

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109C	<p>* Why do initiative officials attempt to divide and conquer environmentalists, fishermen and tribal communities by trying to split them into separate groups in the Regional Stakeholders Group on the North Coast?</p> <p>* Why has Ken Wiseman, the executive director of the MLPA Initiative, issued a draconian "gag rule" that prohibits members of the stakeholders group from speaking to the press?</p> <p>* Why does the initiative discard the results of any scientists who disagree with the MLPA's pre-ordained conclusions? These include the peer reviewed study by Dr. Ray Hilborn, Dr. Boris Worm and 18 other scientists, featured in Science magazine in July 2009, that concluded that the California current had the lowest rate of fishery exploitation of any place studied on the planet.</p> <p>* Why do initiative officials completely refuse to acknowledge that the California coast has the largest marine protected area (MPA) in the United States – the Rockfish Conservation area - that extends along the entire continental shelf of California?</p>			
109D	<p>* Why do MLPA staff and the California Fish and Game Commission refuse to hear the pleas of the representatives of the California Fish and Game Wardens Association, who oppose the creation of any new MPAs until they have enough funding for wardens to patrol existing reserves? That's why the wardens refer to MPAs as "Marine Poaching Areas."</p> <p>* Finally, why is a private corporation, the shadowy Resources Legacy Fund Foundation, being allowed to privatize ocean resource management in California through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the DFG?</p> <p>Bottom line here is that we anglers here in California don't trust your process to the point where we are advocating and carrying out legal action against what we feel is a tainted and corrupt process.</p>			
109E	<p>One final thought about the awarding of grants to those that have helped establish the MLPA areas, this smacks of bribery from the state offices for the Governor to leave his environmental legacy.</p> <p>Personally I think that anyone who is empaneled into the MLPA Process should be blocked from receiving State grant moneys, the appearance of improprieties is significant on this issue and in some cases might be considered criminal.</p>			
110	<p>This whole process is wrong for the north coast. The PFMC and mother nature takes good care of what we do here on the north coast. Their are very few days that we can go to the Rockie points to fish. Their is no decline in the fish population in these areas. U have no science, so please tell us what this is really about . From Shelter Cove to False Cape I strongly feel we dont need MPA. Their is no reason for these. We have MPA areas without even declairing these areas MPA. The reason is, we dont go to these areas, they are to far to travel. So they are left alone. U people need to take the cotton out of your ears and listen, Thanks.</p>			

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111A	Michael	Carpenter	Albion why does this matter?					
111B	Michael	Carpenter						
112	BC	Macdonald	Albion					

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111A	<p>I have watched this whole process.i fell like we have been processes i like all the players you are very good at what you have to do.</p> <p>i feel that there is no science for the north coast that has been being used.i fell lied to about speacial closeres tou can stop human contact to an area in the ocean.this is a navigational hazard and is illegal you cannot stop a vessel from passing through waters in an emergency which is very common in our waters.</p> <p>We live in some of roughest weather area in the world ten mile safety zone must be opserved. Mr Bill Lemos is on record recorded at my meeting when he was campaigning for his RSH spot which he reepesented so many differnt groups till the last where he could not find so many words as usual but asked who do tou represent it was nolonger local groups he said proudly as he made his\$38.00/hour</p>			
111B	<p>as i sat there an employee of no one he said prodly selling out the local groups who trusted him said i work for "the NRDC" so taking local peoples trust and shiting prodly on it if this is what you call open and honest i want no part of it. I told the truth from the start was not chosen as an rsg with no good reason. I guess you go not want indipendent thinkers. So now we have everrort sifft already in the first year you have not listened to the real experts instead the silver tongue people tou have know real knowlage you will git what we have said trouble were there was none but you will have your jobs and your grant monet i hope you enjoy your lifes knowing you have killed and destroyed so many familys.i wish i was a writer so tou would pay some attention to this but i am not and i no this ,i wish other people would relizie there short comings. It does not work for Northern Cal You have wasted a lot of peoples time and destroyed lifes. Mean little People Acting insane MLPAI</p>			
112	<p>In order to execute the plan results and creatively involve the people in the North Coast Region a community based organization is absolutely necessary. Such an organization would be selected from the coastal communities population in a manner similar to Community Advisory Committees and would act similar to a grand jury in obtaining, evaluating and disseminating information plus it would assign members to sit on boards/committees with responsibility for maintaining MPA's and the ocean in general. It would also serve to encourage citizen activity in protection of ocean health such as the Mendocino Abalone Guard and recruiting ocean operations such as fishing/crabbing to report on ocean health risks. I believe that implementation of the MLPA will be impossible without such a democratic mechanism in place within our communities.</p>			

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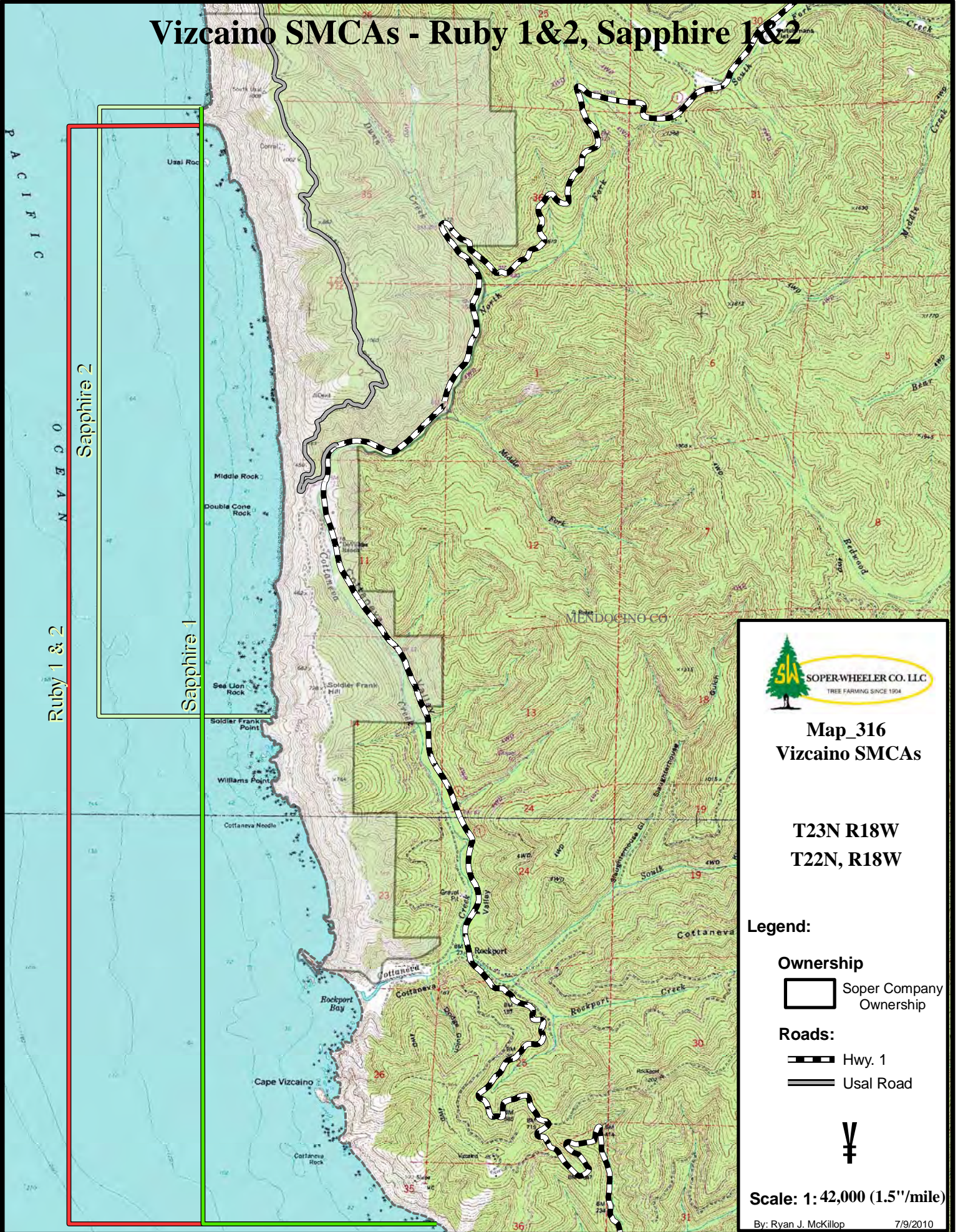
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113	Nathan	Queener	Petrolia	Petrolia MPA Complex (Cape Mendocino, Mattole Canyon, and Petrolia Lighthouse (or Sea Lion))		<p>I would like to state my support for this proposed MPA complex put forward by the unofficial Petrolia delegation. These three proposed SMRs - Cape Mendocino - Steamboat, Mattole Canyon, and Petrolia Lighthouse (or Sea Lion) - meet the science guidelines and provide a high degree of protection for marine biodiversity, while still allowing for subsistence harvest at Mattole Beach and Seven-mile Beach, the only points of access for Mattole valley residents to the coast within a two hour drive.</p> <p>Placing the southern boundary of the Cape Mendocino - Steamboat SMR at Steamboat Rock would preserve important subsistence use around Devils Gate. Placing the Northern boundary of the Sea Lion SMR at Sea Lion Gulch would preserve important subsistence access north of this boundary. This area from Punta Gorda to Sea Lion is used extensively by locals for fishing and seaweed harvesting.</p>		
114	Petition: For list of signatures, see NCRSG July 29-30, 2010 meeting agenda briefing document H.10		Shelter Cove				Ruby Draft MPA Proposal 2	We the undersigned support the Ruby Group #2 proposal from the North Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. It is the least socio-economic impact to our stretch f the coast from Punta Gorda to Viscano. We also feel this proposal will have the best chance of obtaining wide based community support.

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113	Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments. The openness and transparency of the process will result in an array of reserves with much greater support and buy-in from local communities, which will greatly increase the chance closures and regulations are respected! While I wholeheartedly support the concept of marine reserves, and believe there is strong evidence for their biological importance, their placement must be specific to each locality and situation, and should respect traditional uses by local communities.			
114	Additionally, we are requesting a Community Outreach Meeting be held in Shelter Cove.			



# Vizcaino SMCAs - Ruby 1&2, Sapphire 1&2



**Map\_316**  
**Vizcaino SMCAs**



**T23N R18W**  
**T22N, R18W**

**Legend:**

**Ownership**

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Ownership

**Roads:**

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**Scale: 1: 42,000 (1.5"/mile)**