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Re: Letter of Support for Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station Remediation

Dear Ms. Vierra:

I am writing in support of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District's application for Proposition 1 funding to explore alternatives to discharging waste from the Shelter Cove fish cleaning station. The remote community of Shelter Cove in the northern part of my congressional district relies heavily on sport fishing and tourism. While the fish cleaning station is a necessity, bio-waste from the facility is discharged into the King Range Area of Biological Significance (ASBS), which is prohibited.

The fish cleaning station was built in 1988 and alleviated the nuisance of dumping fish carcasses along roads and beaches. However, the station must be modified to prevent discharge into the ASBS. The Harbor District proposes to remove the fish cleaning station's gravity driven pipe that discharges to the ocean and replace it with amenities to produce crab bait and fertilizer amendments. Fishing activities would not be disrupted during construction, so there will be no economic losses associated with the project.

The Harbor District's proposal aims to maintain the fish cleaning station, an important community facility, while stopping fish waste discharge into the ASBS.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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February 8, 2016

The Honorable John Laird  
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Re: Letter of Support for proposal to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 1 Funding program:  
*Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station Remediation*

Dear Secretary Laird:

I strongly support the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District (HBHRCD) application for Prop 1 funding assistance to institute alternatives to discharging fish bio-wastes into the King Range Area of Biological Significance (ASBS) at Shelter Cove, CA from the fish cleaning table. Shelter Cove, the largest town in the King Range ASBS, is located on the remote southwestern coast of Humboldt County, with a local economy that relies heavily on sport fishing-related tourism.

Built in 1988, the fish cleaning station abated a substantial community nuisance (the stench and public health hazard of rotting fish carcasses and entrails being discarded on beaches and along roadways), but it also created a new resource management problem because the discharge of fish waste into the ASBS is prohibited by law.

HBHRCD proposes to modify the existing fish waste disposal system by removing the gravity-driven pipe that discharges wastes to the ocean and instituting concession-driven alternatives (crab-bait and fertilizer amendments) for the final disposition of fish offal. The Fish Cleaning Station is an important resource for Shelter Cove and this project addresses an important community concern, while permanently ceasing fish waste discharges into the ASBS.

I urge you to support the Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station Remediation proposal. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to call my office at (707) 445-6508. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Warmest Regards,



MIKE MCGUIRE  
Senator

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February 4, 2016

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Re: Letter of Support for proposal to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 1 Funding  
program: *Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station Remediation*

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in strong support of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District (HBHRCD) application for Prop 1 funding assistance to institute alternatives to discharging fish bio-wastes into the King Range Area of Biological Significance (ASBS) at Shelter Cove, CA from the fish cleaning table.

Shelter Cove, the largest town in the King Range ASBS, is located on the remote southwestern coast of Humboldt County, with a local economy that relies heavily on sport fishing-related tourism. Built in 1988, the fish cleaning station abated a substantial community nuisance, but it also created a new resource management problem because the discharge of fish waste into the ASBS is prohibited by law.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

JIM WOOD  
Assemblymember, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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21 February 2016

Re: Letter of Support for proposal to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 1 Funding program: *Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station Remediation*

As 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor, I strongly support the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District (HBHRCD) application for Prop 1 funding assistance that would institute alternatives to discharging fish bio-wastes from the existing fish cleaning table into the King Range Area of Biological Significance (ASBS) at Shelter Cove, CA. Shelter Cove, which lies within my district, is the largest town in the King Range ASBS on the remote southwestern coast of Humboldt County and has a local economy that relies heavily on sport fishing-related tourism.

Built in 1988, the fish cleaning station abated a substantial community nuisance (the stench and public health hazard of rotting fish carcasses and entrails being discarded on beaches and along roadways), but it also created a new resource management problem because the discharge of fish waste into the ASBS is prohibited by law.

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Specific proposed modifications to the fish cleaning station include hiring a seasonal employee who will manually separate the fish cleaning wastes into carcass remnants suitable for commercial crab bait and other bio-wastes, to be ground up and used in fertilizer amendments; installation of freezer cooler containers to store the segregated fish wastes for other uses; and Connection of the fish cleaning station water drain to the existing Shelter Cove Resort District's sewer system (for table water only). The Fish Cleaning Station is an important resource for Shelter Cove and this project addresses an pressing community and environmental concern.

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell

2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor



February 4, 2016

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Re: Letter of Support for proposal to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 1 Funding program:  
*Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station Remediation*

Humboldt Baykeeper strongly supports the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District (HBHRCD) application for Prop. 1 funding assistance to institute alternatives to fish bio-wastes into the King Range Area of Biological Significance (ASBS) at Shelter Cove, CA from the fish cleaning table. Humboldt Baykeeper was launched in 2004 with a mission to safeguard coastal resources for the health, enjoyment, and economic strength of the Humboldt Bay community through education, scientific research, and enforcement of laws to fight pollution.

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Sincerely,

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February 4, 2016

Ocean Protection Council  
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Re: Letter of Support for proposal to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 1 Funding  
Program: *Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station Remediation*

I am writing to express my support for the Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station Remediation (Project) that Humboldt Bay Harbor District and other partners have undertaken to address alternatives to discharging fish bio-wastes into the King Range Area of Biological Significance (ASBS) at Shelter Cove, CA from the fish cleaning table.

In the previous years before the fish cleaning station, the beach was literally covered with rotting fish carcasses covered with yellow jackets. The beach was unusable and the smell was just not unbearable at Mario's property but throughout the Cove. Elders of this community still share stories of the difficulties endured without the current fish cleaning station. However in the past few years, the discharge of fish waste into the ASBS is now prohibited by law. Please realize that Shelter Cove livelihood is dependent on beauty, fishing, surfing, beachcombing and hiking.

I am pleased to see that HBHRCD has taken the initiative to involve Shelter Cove organizations and individuals in a collaborative process to produce a solution to the existing fish waste disposal system by removing the gravity-driven pipe that discharges wastes to the ocean.

HBHRCD has a proven track record for its support in Southern Humboldt. One recent example is The Shelter Cove Breakwater Rehabilitation Project. There were numerous meetings before the project that involved local citizens before the project moved forward. During and after the project HBHRCD was always available for questions and the outcome was successful.

I hope you will consider HBHRCD proposal to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 1 Funding Program. Your approval will make a positive impact here in Shelter Cove.

Sincerely,

David Telfer-Smollett, Owner  
Mario's Marina, LLC

23 February 2016

RE: Letter of Intent to collect fish waste for compost from the Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is David Harris and I live in the community of Shelter Cove, CA. I am writing to express my strong support for the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District's (HBHRCD) application for Prop 1 funding to institute alternatives to discharging fish bio-wastes into the King Range Area of Biological Significance (ASBS) from the Shelter Cove fish-cleaning table. We have a community group of gardeners who will pick up the soft fish parts from the fish cleaning station and initiate clean, sanitary composting of the material.

While at a HBHRCD meeting about a year ago I became aware that the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board wanted to close the fish-cleaning station in Shelter Cove, CA. This was bad news for my friends and I who use this fish-cleaning station regularly. We all have friends that come to town to visit and they also enjoy being able to use the station.

From what I have been told, before the fish-cleaning station was put in there were lots of bears that would come down and menace campers and residents alike. They were attracted by the day's fish waste left on the shore. According to older residents the bear problem went away when the station was put in. So when I began telling my friends that this station might be closed, we all began to talk amongst ourselves to see how we could help out the HBHRCD and help keep this great resource open to the public.

Many of us who use the fish-cleaning station also raise livestock and have vegetable gardens. The fish waste is a great fertilizer for our vegetable gardens, either when added directly to the soil or when used as an amendment. Fish waste is also a great protein supplement for our pigs when available. A group of my friends and I have an innovative way to help. We propose to assist the HBHRCD with the following plan:

- 1) HBHRCD's seasonal employee will manually sort fish wastes at the table into two types: wastes suitable for crab bait, and wastes suitable for agricultural uses. Crab bait to be sold to commercial fishermen will be boxed and frozen, while the remaining fish offal will be ground up and stored in plastic barrels for on-site cold storage.
- 2) Our community gardener group will schedule regular pick up and off-site hauling of the stored fish waste for agricultural uses, with exact scheduling depending on volume generated.
- 3) We will coordinate schedules for off-site hauling of wastes and waste barrel returns with HBHRCD on a continuous basis throughout the recreational fishing season when the fish station is operational. Being local community members we will be able to respond quickly during busier times of the year at the fish cleaning station.
- 4) The fish offal will be composted in a sanitary manner that will not create offensive odors or an attraction for wildlife. These are exactly the types of nuisances that we wish to avoid by keeping the fish cleaning station open and functioning.
  - a. Fish waste is very high in nitrogen and requires addition of carbon sources such as shredded cardboard, animal bedding, wood chips, or newspaper.
  - b. Electric fences or other barriers around the compost heap will exclude scavengers from the fish waste.
  - c. The compost will be located so that run off will not impact local creeks or water supplies. The compost heap will be tarped or otherwise covered when necessary.
  - d. The compost pile will be turned and aerated when required to assist with the decomposition process.
  - e. The compost will be constantly maintained and monitored for the correct carbon to nitrogen ratio.
- 5) The end product will have a pleasant earthy smell and be utilized locally.

Since we go to the Shelter Cove fishing access to fish and crab as often as we can, sometimes five times a week, and subsequently use the fish-cleaning station, we view implementation of this proposed project as a "win/win situation" for our entire community. Our local group of gardeners will use all of the ground-up fish waste produced by the station for our gardens and livestock, benefitting both our community and the environment. I also hope that the fish cleaning station can remain open, simply because I use it all the time. If it closes, the fish wastes would attract bears, and many tourists would stay away which would hurt our economy.

Sincerely,

David Harris





## Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station Remediation



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Re: Letter of Support for proposal to the Ocean Protection Council's Proposition 1 Funding program: *Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station Remediation*

The Resort Improvement District #1, representing the Community of Shelter Cove, strongly supports the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District (HBHRCD) application for Prop 1 funding assistance to institute alternatives to discharging fish bio-wastes into the King Range Area of Biological Significance (ASBS) at Shelter Cove, CA from the fish cleaning table. Shelter Cove, the largest town in the King Range ASBS, is located on the remote southwestern coast of Humboldt County, with a local economy that relies heavily on sport fishing-related tourism.

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Sincerely,

The undersigned General Manager and Board of Directors of the RID#1

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