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Mr. Jim Kellogg, President  
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Dear President Kellogg and Commissioners:

We are writing to request the opportunity to provide testimony regarding the California Fish & Game Commission's (Commission) consideration and adoption of regulations to implement the North Coast phase of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) during the February 2, 2011 hearing.

As you are aware, the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (Committee) held a hearing on North Coast MLP on January 21, 2011 in Eureka, California. We want to share with the Commission what we heard from our constituents and stakeholders.

The Committee heard compelling testimony from North Coast Tribes that were unified in their concerns to protect their inherent rights to traditionally gather along the State's coastline. We ask the Commission to respect Tribal interests and provide for adequate testimony from the Tribal perspective. We encourage you to work with the Tribes to develop a workable format for their full participation at your hearing by providing a block of time for Tribal testimony.

We further request that a block of time for the Regional Stakeholder Group (RSG) to provide group input via a brief presentation. Additionally, we urge you to allow for a briefing from Option Zero supporters.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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