

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
c/o California Resources Agency
Attn: Melissa Miller-Henson

July 24, 2008

Dear Ms. Miller- Henson,

My name is Daniel Strunk. I am writing in the attempt to be considered a nominee for the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. Regrettably, I missed the July 18th nomination deadline, while spending time with my family in Baja California, Mexico. I am an excellent candidate for this position and would like the opportunity to prove this to you.

I have 20 years of fishing experience from Pt. Dune to Dana Point. I have participated in commercial fishing for several years. I have owned and operated 6 Charter Passenger Fishing Vessels (CPFV). Currently, I own and operate 2 CPFV, F/V Monte Carlo and F/V Pursuit, out of 22nd Street Landing, in San Pedro. Also, I am co-owner of San Pedro Bait Company, which fishes live bait for San Pedro, market squid and other wet fish aboard the F/V Bounty and F/V Pamela Rose.

I have participated in Ecotrust workshops and attended MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force meetings and workshops. I am associated with the California Wetfish Producers Association and in close contact with Diane Pleschner-Steele. For approximately 4 years, I represented the CPFV owners from Pt. Conception to the Mexican Border on the Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) for the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. During this time I gained substantial experience in collaborative decision-making and became committed to conveying the interests of numerous affiliated groups while working to achieve a balanced outcome to attain fisheries management goals.

I am willing and committed to participate and accept all responsibilities of the SCRSG.

Having developed an extensive network of contacts through my fishing businesses as well as through my work on the GAP, I maintain frequent contact via all avenues of communication with fishermen and pledge to reach out to any not directly involved in the MLPA process.

Again, I regret not submitting this nomination by the July 18th deadline. I sincerely apologize, and hope that you would make an exception and consider me as a candidate.

Sincerely,

Daniel Strunk

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In the mean time I became SCUBA certified and I married my SCUBA instructor. I took all the SCUBA certification courses to become an assistant SCUBA instructor and from 1986-1992 we were partner/owner/operator of Sea Air Services Inc., a six pack charter business that took divers out to the local kelp beds in a tiny little 19' Mexican Ponga, (one of the few Pongas North of the Mexican border). We were able to trailer the boat to various locations for dive adventures from Point Conception to the Mexican border and we did! During that time every weekend was spent at either the shore teaching students, on the water doing their open water dives to Catalina or the Channel Islands or taking them on excursions after they were certified. I assisted in the certification of over 300 divers. I am very familiar with multiple dive sites throughout the Channel Islands. In addition we would often go to Catalina Island USC Marine Science center because my husbands use to work the hyperbaric chamber at the center.

During this time I was also a board member of the LA chapter of the American Cetacean Society non-profit organization who provided all of the narrators or naturalist for the whale watching boats out of San Pedro. I was on the education and community outreach committee for several years. All of these years later there are still members of ACS that I could access for input into the MLPA process, who could also have members that are applying for South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group positions.

In 1992 my husband and I split and he got the company (Sea Air Services Inc.) so with in a year I started sailing. Now I combined pleasure sailing with recreational SCUBA diving and ocean kayaking. I have continued my passion for the ocean and marine life conservation. I live 1.5 miles from the beach and take my dog to the beach almost every day sometimes for both sun rise and sunset and try to get out on or under the water as much as possible.

In 1993 I started working in the health care technology business at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) for the department of defense hospital systems as an implementation specialist deploying an integrated system to all DoD sites world wide. There I received intensive training in all aspects of deploying a system with a focus on the training and site support for the change from multiple systems to an integrated system. Skills acquired in this area will also help with facilitation and program planning of the MLPA.

Currently I work for Sharp HealthCare the San Diego leader in healthcare services as a systems analyst for hospital systems order entry applications. Sharp has embraced many six sigma program processes for which I have participate as a stakeholder and as a technical advisor for application software. On a smaller scale project level we are using the change acceleration process for which I have been given the lead for my group. These skills will also be of use to the planning process for the MLPA South Coast Regional project.

As stated above I am involved in programs stopping youth violence where I do volunteer work with at risk youths with TKF and AFDOP. I have been trying to figure out how to create an environmental outlet for kids to learn about climate changes and put them to "work" doing water quality checks and general monitoring of tidal rhythms in an after school program. I then attended an open house for the South Coast Project and see that there is a great opportunity to incorporate these ides into the master plan for the South Coast Project. I understand the area from Point Conception to the Mexican boarder has some of the most densely populated areas in California therefore getting information out to the public in this process will take a considerable amount of time for which I am prepared to do for the SCUBA divers, sailors, boaters, at risk youth and for the Cetaceans!



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Dear Ms. Miller-Henson:

I would like to nominate Mr. Dan Strunk for a position on the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group which will inform the MLPA process. While I recognize that this nomination is slightly late, I'm confident that if you make an exception and consider Mr. Strunk for a position, you will not regret the decision.

As the current Chairman of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (PFMC) Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP), I have had ample opportunity to work with Mr. Strunk on stakeholder issues at the federal level. As a member of the PFMC's GAP, Mr. Strunk worked tirelessly to understand all of the issues and consistently made informed and fair recommendations for fisheries management. Mr. Strunk is also in the unique position to have first-hand knowledge of both commercial and recreational interests in the southern California region as he has been an active participant in both sectors. When Mr. Strunk makes a commitment, he sticks by it and I believe he would make every effort to participate in this important process and commit the time and energy necessary to fulfill his obligations.

I would be happy to provide a complete nomination package regarding Mr. Strunk if you are willing to make an exception and consider the late nomination. I consider Mr. Strunk to be fair, knowledgeable and committed to sustainable fisheries and sound fisheries management. He demonstrated all of these attributes while he served on the GAP and I have no doubt that he will continue to provide important and quality input into the MLPA process.

I can be reached at (541) 444-2208 or munroconsulting@msn.com to discuss this nomination further or to provide more complete information about Mr. Strunk.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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