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AGENDA: 6/9/98

May 28, 1998

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 County of Santa Cruz
 701 Ocean Street
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 RE: CENTRAL COAST EFFORTS TO RESTORE
 CALIFORNIA SALMON AND STEELHEAD

Dear Members of the Board:

Last September, in response to the addition of coho salmon and steelhead to the threatened species list, I began to participate with Boards of Supervisors members from Monterey, Mendocino, San Mateo, Marin and Sonoma Counties to address these counties' appropriate roles in the process to restore our region's natural salmon and steelhead populations to levels which are healthy and sustainable. These meetings have been very productive. In addition to the Supervisors who normally attend, we have had attendance by representatives from the listing agencies, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and California Fish and Game, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Resources Agency, the Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board, and regular participation by members of the Planning Departments of the various counties involved.

Our discussions have evolved to the point where we have developed a consensus-based work plan for the group, and have received offers from NMFS and the California Resources Agency to provide funding to support staffing to carry out the work plan. The principal purpose of this letter is to obtain the Board's authorization for me to join with the other Supervisors to request the promised funding from these agencies. Marin County is expected to act as the fiscal agent for these grants. I have attached a copy of the proposed letter to the agencies requesting the funding, along with copies of the work plan.

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The Santa Cruz County Planning Department has been an active participant in **these meetings**. Their participation has been immensely helpful to the process. To date, the staff time has been minimal, largely consisting of Dave Hope's participation in our bi-monthly meetings in **Marin** County and assistance in designing the work plan. I believe this process provides a unique opportunity for Santa Cruz County to collaborate on a region-wide effort to address salmon and steelhead habitat. I would ask that we authorize the Planning Department staff to continue its participation in this project as part of the approval of the Department's work plan. It is our belief that any effort from the various Planning Departments that is more extensive than that to date would be subject to reimbursement out of the granted funds.

Our agreed goals for this six county effort are to facilitate effective local actions that will maintain or improve our region's water quality and riparian habitat, provide increased assistance and education for local government and the private sector, encourage cooperation and coordination among all levels of regulatory agencies having responsibility for fishery restoration and ensure that the land use ordinances of each of the counties reflect "best management practices." These goals will be accomplished through a process of evaluating existing activities, recommending model programs, tracking legislation, soliciting outside funding, and increasing communication among interested agencies and the public.

Our first focused task is to devise and obtain approval for a 'one **stop**' process for permitting stream restoration projects that would enable land owners to go to their County Planning Departments and obtain all necessary local, State and federal permits for simple stream projects through one unified process. We believe that **our** joint approach as a six county group will greatly enhance our ability to obtain the necessary consent of various State and federal agencies to this concept.

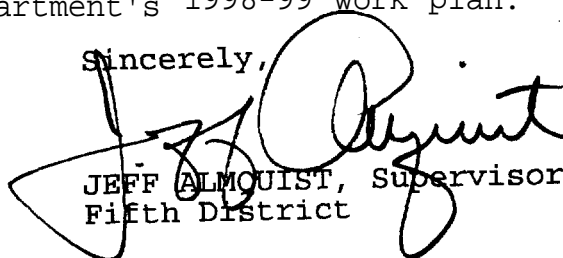
Accordingly, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

1. Endorse the six county request for funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the California Resources Agency and \$75,000 from the National Marine Fisheries Service, and authorize me to sign the six county letter requesting these funds from the California Resources Agency and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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2. Provide direction to include continued staff support from the Planning Department at the current minimal levels, or on a reimbursement basis using the grant funds, in the Department's 1998-99 work plan.

Sincerely,



JEFF ALMQUIST, Supervisor
Fifth District

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Attachments

cc: Alvin James, Planning Director
Steve Kinsey, Supervisor, Marin County

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May 21, 1998

Dr. William T. Hogarth, National **Marine** Fisheries Service
 Jacqueline. Schaffer, Director, California Department of Fish and Game
 Doug Wheeler, Director, California Resources Agency

Re: Central coast efforts to restore California's Salmon and Steelhead

Dear (identify individual agency rep),

We, the six central California coastal counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, **Marin**, Sonoma, and Mendocino, are writing to identify our common mission to restore natural Salmon and Steelhead populations to levels which are healthy, sustainable and support a productive fishing industry within our region. We have formalized our efforts by Letter of Agreement, and refer to our project as **FishNet 4C** (Fishery Network of Central California Coastal Counties- see Attachment 1) Each County is also a member of *Fur the **Sake** of the Salmon*, a broad-based collaborative of interested parties working for the same purpose within the western coastal states (see Attachment 2). **Marin** County has agreed (pending) to serve as the fiscal agent for **FishNet4C**.

FishNet 4C is organized to support **fishery** restoration efforts undertaken by the State's California Watersheds Protection and Restoration Council and those of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The group provides an efficient forum for these agencies to strengthen and monitor local conservation efforts.

Our goals are to facilitate effective local actions that will maintain or improve our region's water quality and riparian habitat, provide increased assistance and education for local government and the private sector, and encourage cooperation and coordination among all levels of regulatory responsibility for fishery restoration . **We** seek to accomplish these goals through a process of evaluating existing activities, recommending model programs, tracking legislation, soliciting outside funding, and increasing communication among interested agencies and the public.

FishNet4C is organized to integrate policy and technical considerations. A Project Management Team (PMT) provides leadership and fiscal oversight. The PMT consists of a member of the Board of Supervisors from each county as well as local government staff with diverse responsibilities. A Work Study Committee (WSC) provides technical support and field **experience** for the PMT. The WSC is composed of experienced staff from local, state and federal agencies. It is our intention to retain a project coordinator to **manage** our efforts and staff WSC and PMT.

- . At this time, we are asking you to recognize the useful role of **FishNet4C** in helping to restore this region's Salmon and Steelhead fishery by committing your agencies' human resources, technical assistance? and funding in support of our regionwide efforts. We have provided our draft Work Plan and **Budget** for fiscal year 1998-99.

We are requesting a monetary grant of (insert amount for specific agency) from your **agency** to support our ongoing local fishery conservation efforts. The draft budget illustrates that your contribution will be leveraged with funding from other agencies and in-kind commitments from each of our counties. We would greatly appreciate your favorable consideration of our request. If you have any questions regarding our activities or this proposal, please contact our designated liason, (identify member) at (phone, email, etc). We look forward to working together to restore this unique and valuable natural resource.

Sincerely,

Dave Potter

Monterey County Supervisor

Jeffrey Almquist

Santa Cruz County Supervisor

Richard Gordon

Sam Mateo County Supervisor

Steve Kinsey

Marin County Supervisor

Mike Reilly

Sonoma County Supervisor

Michael Delbar

Mendocino County Supervisor

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FishNet4C Mission Statement:

Restore our region's natural Salmon and Steelhead populations to levels which are healthy, sustainable and support a productive fishing industry.

FishNet4C Goals

- Facilitate local actions to maintain or improve water quality and riparian habitat, assure adequate streamflows, and eliminate migration impediments
- Provide increased assistance and education to local government and the private sector about their role in restoring this region's Salmon and Steelhead fishery.
- Encourage coordination and cooperation among local, state, and federal regulatory agencies involved with fishery restoration and protection

FishNet4C Objectives:

- Identify and eliminate current gaps in this region's fishery restoration efforts
- Pursue sustainable local, state, and federal funding to support this region's fishery restoration efforts
- Develop consistent education and training program for property owners and local government staff
- Facilitate county to county communication
- Improve communication and resource sharing between regulatory agencies with fishery protection and restoration responsibilities
- Assist in streamlining local, state, and federal permitting processes

Primary Activities:

- Inventory and evaluate fishery restoration efforts in each county
- Participate in fishery restoration workshops, conferences, and training programs
- Evaluate current local government regulatory effectiveness and prepare uniform, comprehensive fishery restoration Best Management Practices for incorporation into local government policies and regulations
- Solicit private and public funding to support fishery restoration efforts
- Review and comment on pending state and federal fishery restoration legislation
- Review existing fishery restoration education and training plans and design model program for local government staff
- Review existing fishery restoration education and training programs for property owners and design a voluntary, incentive-based outreach program
- Organize an experienced, multi-disciplinary fishery restoration Technical Advisory Team (TAT) from local, state and federal regulatory agencies to collaborate and expedite processing of related permits
- Conduct bi-monthly FishNet4C meetings and advise local government bodies on items of mutual interest
- Review local, state, and federal permitting processes and identify opportunities to streamline and coordinate actions

FishNet4C Budget- 1998-99