Exhibit 4

San Mateo County Harbor District

Board of
Harbor Commissioners

James Tucker, President
Ken Lundie , Vice President
Leo Padreddii, Treasurer
Sally Campbell, Secretary
Pietro Parravano, Commissioner

Peter Grenell, General Manager

January 23, 2007

The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Ref: Support for California Fisheries Fund

Dear Chairman. Chrisman:

I urge you to approve implementation of the California Fisheries Fund and authorize $2 million to capitalize the Fund. Many California fisheries are suffering from declining revenues and reduced access to fish populations. These trends have put continued supplies of local seafood, our working waterfronts, coastal communities and fishermen at risk.

As conservation regulations become more stringent, it is the State's duty to adapt fishery governance and management to help fishermen cope with a new era of stewardship. For many fisheries, this will entail a transition to management measures tailored to local conditions, and a transition to higher value, lower volume fisheries. Demand for local sustainable seafood is growing and California is well-positioned to meet this demand while maintaining our fishing culture.

One of the major impediments to achieving real change is the lack of a sustainable source of funding. The California Fisheries Fund offers a solution that is good for our fishermen, our environment and our working waterfronts. With an investment of $2 million, the State can leverage a significant amount of existing capital and mend our failing fisheries. Too much is at stake to not invest in the future of the State's fisheries and of the coastal stewards that participate in them. Please approve and capitalize the California Fisheries Fund on February 8, 2007 by supporting the proposal set forth by Environmental Defense.

Sincerely,

SAN MATEO COUNTY HARBOR DISTRICT

Peter Grenell
General Manager

Cc: Board of Harbor Commissioners
Harbor Masters

400 Oyster Point Blvd., Suite 300, South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 583-4400 T
(650) 583-4611 F

From: Chris Miller [cjmiller@dock.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2007 12:56 PM
To: rpollock@scc.ca.gov
Cc: 'Rod Fujita'; 'Mike Dickerson'
Subject: Support For Fisheries Fund attn. Mike Chrisman

Hi Mike,

I am sending you a letter to register my continued support of the California Fisheries Fund. I have overlapping fishing seasons at this time of the year in Prawn and Lobster Trapping or I would plan to be there in person. I am generally pleased with Rod Fujita (ED) and Mike Dickerson (shore bank) working on this with the fisheries. I see that the COPC support of this program will create opportunity to develop much needed infrastructure for fisheries collaboration with management.

I hope all goes well with you personally also. If you have any questions feel free to call me 805-344-3091.

Sincerely,

Chris Miller

VP CLTFA

Chris Miller, Vice President
California Lobster and Trap Fishermen's Association
P.O. Box 1074
Los Alamos, CA. 93440

Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair California Ocean protection Council
1330 Broadway Suite 1100
Oakland, CA. 94621

C/o Rebecca Pollack
Re: California Fisheries Fund

Dear Mike,

Our fishing organization the California Lobster and Trap Fisherman's Association has voted to work proactively with the development of the California Fisheries Fund. I am writing you as a representative of CLTFA to support the fund and specify that our vision of the fund is to develop infrastructure for collaborative management and participatory research with fisheries biologists to certify our fisheries as sustainable.

I have been in communication with Rod Fujita of Environmental Defense and Mike Dickerson of Shore Bank who have developed a business plan for this project. They have been very considerate in working with us. Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Fujita have also taken the time to have our fisheries consultant retired DFG invertebrate biologist John Duffy review their proposal. With his considerable expertise in regulatory language we believe that we can navigate the process to create a design for the fisheries fund that is tailored to our trap fisheries so we can make rapid progress in management.

I believe that it is important to realize that Mr. Fujita and Mr. Dickerson are bridge people to new cultures becoming involved in fishery management. To us this is a new world of Non- Governmental Organizations and Charitable Organizations. We have not had good experiences with these power brokers Rod and Mike have put an effort into the human dimension of this project that should be supported. We see it is just now beginning to be understood that the mantra of sustainable fisheries is best supported as a community planning process. The hard work ahead of us is to develop functional fishery management planning teams that designs systems to the support the Fishery Management Plan process.

With the development of Marine Zoning we have a unique opportunity to design monitoring that will allow us to use a harvest control rule that is based in real stock measurements and habitat analysis methods.

We believe that the precautionary approach now is to restore the field research infrastructure of fishery management. One obvious goal of this fisheries fund should be to test community based management as we transition into a state policy of marine zoning. Based on my experience our current institutional support for doing field research is so top heavy and restricted by insurance and legal red tape that we really do not have the ability to collaborate at the level we are capable of as fishermen.

I urge you to support the California Fisheries Fund lets get the ball rolling here. The specific structures identified to implement the fisheries fund are Fisheries Coops. The development of regional fisheries institutions should create the ability to connect fishery management plans essential fishery habitat and community profiles with the planning process of the California Coastal Commission.

The real integration of fisheries management should be founded in fishery habitat and infrastructure under the Coastal Management Act. I urge you to take an active role and communicate with us coach us on how to help you with this project

Sincerely,

Chris Miller VP CLTFA
805-344-3091

SAN DIEGO WATERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612
c/o Rebecca Pollock, Project Manager
rpollock@scc.ca.gov January 27, 2007

Dear Chairman Chrisman,

This letter is sent at the request of the Directors of SDWA to urge you to approve implementation of the California Fisheries Fund and authorize $2 million to capitalize the Fund. Our members are all California permitted sea urchin divers who are experiencing declining revenues and reduced access to fish populations. These trends have put continued supplies of local sea urchins, our working waterfronts, coastal communities and sea urchin divers and processors at risk.

We fishermen understand that coping with more stringent conservation regulations will require us to build social capital and develop innovative management strategies. This will entail a transition to management measures tailored to local conditions, and a transition to higher value, lower volume fisheries. Demand for local sustainable seafood is growing and California is well-positioned to meet this demand while maintaining our fishing culture.

Since conventional banking institutions are loath to lend money to these enterprises, a new, sustainable source of funding will be necessary. The California Fisheries Fund offers a solution that is good for our fishermen, our environment and our working waterfronts. With an investment of $2 million, the State can leverage a significant amount of existing capital and return our fisheries to sustainability and profitability.

Please approve and capitalize the California Fisheries Fund on February 8th, 2007 by supporting the proposal set forth by Environmental Defense.

Sincerely,

Mike Neil
(President)

11103 HWY 67 LAKESIDE, CA 92040

Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization Inc.

P.O. BOX 450, MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA 93443
(805) 772-4893 • FAX (805) 772-4893 • fish@fix.net

The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612
c/o Rebecca Pollock, Project Manager
rpollock@scc.ca.gov

January 28, 2007

Dear Chairman Chrisman,

Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization urges you to approve implementation of the California Fisheries Fund and authorize $2 million to capitalize the Fund. Many California fisheries are suffering from declining revenues and reduced access to fish populations. These trends have put continued supplies of local seafood, our working waterfronts, coastal communities and fishermen at risk.

As conservation regulations become more stringent, it is the State's duty to adapt fishery governance and management help fishermen cope with a new era of stewardship. For many fisheries, this will entail a transition to management measures tailored to local conditions, and a transition to higher value, lower volume fisheries. Demand for local sustainable seafood is growing and California is well-positioned to meet this demand while maintaining our fishing culture.

One of the major impediments to achieving real change is the lack of a sustainable source of funding. The California Fisheries Fund offers a solution that is good for our fishermen, our environment and our working waterfronts. With an investment of $2 million, the State can leverage a significant amount of existing capital and mend our failing fisheries. Too much is at stake to not invest in the future of the State's fisheries and of the coastal stewards that participate in them.

Please approve and capitalize the California Fisheries Fund on February 8th, 2007 by supporting the proposal set forth by Environmental Defense.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah O'Brien
President of Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization

February 5, 2007

The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

ATTN:Rebecca Pollock, Project Manager

Dear Chairman Chrisman,

In behalf of the California Sea Urchin Commission, I urge you to approve implementation of the California Fisheries Fund, proposed by Environmental Defense, and authorize $2 million to initiate Fund operations. Many California fisheries are suffering from declining revenues and reduced access to fish resources. These events are putting reliable supplies of local seafood, our harbor facilities, coastal communities, and fishermen at risk.

As conservation regulations increasingly restrict supplies of local seafood, it is appropriate that the State adapt fishery management to help the commercial fishing industry cope with a new era of stewardship. For many fisheries, this could entail a transition to management measures tailored to local conditions, and a transition to higher value, lower volume business models. Demand for local sustainable seafood is growing and California is well-positioned to meet this demand while, at the same time, protecting our fish resources.

One of the major impediments to achieving needed change is the lack of funding to demonstrate and test various alternative management and business models. The California Fisheries Fund offers a solution that is good for our fishermen, our environment and our working harbors. With an investment of $2 million, the State can leverage a significant amount of existing capital and reinvigorate our declining fishery industries. Too much is at stake to not invest in the future of the businesses, the jobs they offer, and the coastal stewardship that can be realized from healthy commercial fishing enterprises.

Please approve and allocate funds to the California Fisheries Fund at your meeting on February 8, 2007.

Thank you,

Vern Goehring
Executive Director

1621B 13th Street | Sacramento CA | 95814 | tel 916.444.8194 | fax 916.444.8195 | www.calurchin.org

City of Morro Bay

HARBOR DEPARTMENT
1275 Embarcadero
Morro Bay, CA 93442
Ph. 805-772-6254
Fax: 805-772-6258

February 5, 2007

Pohlock

The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Support of the California Fisheries Fund and Authorization for $2 Million in Capitalization of the Fund

Dear Chairman Chrisman:

Many California fisheries are suffering from declining revenues and reduced access to fish populations. These trends have put continued supplies of local seafood, our working waterfronts, traditional coastal dependent economies and fishing families at risk.

As conservation regulations become more stringent, it is the state's duty to balance support for traditional coastal dependent uses and working waterfronts with additional preservation initiatives and access closures. The California Fisheries Fund will move us in the direction of that balance and outlines a way forward in this difficult transition period for California 's family owned fishing businesses and remaining working waterfronts.

Environmental Defense, Shorebank Enterprises, and the Ocean Protection Council are to be applauded for bridging the divide between fishing and environmental protection interests with the proposed California Fisheries Fund. Please approve and capitalize the California Fisheries Fund on February 8, 2007.

Sincerely,

Rick Algert
Harbor Director

RECEIVED

FEB 7 2007

COASTAL CONSERVANCY
OAKLAND, CALIF.

Rebecca Pollock

From: Jim Curland [jcurland@defenders.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 12:25 PM
To: Mary.Delaney@resources.ca.gov; Rebecca Pollock
Cc: Jim Curland
Subject: Support for OPC funding for the CA Fisheries Fund

The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair, California Ocean Protection Council
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612
c/o Rebecca Pollock, Project Manager
rpollock@scc.ca.gov

February 6, 2007

RE: Support for OPC Funding for the CA Fisheries Fund

Dear Chairman Chrisman,

Defenders of Wildlife appreciates the opportunity to comment on the request for funding for the California Fisheries Fund ("Fund"). We urge you to approve implementation of the Fund and authorize $2 million to capitalize the Fund. Many California fisheries are suffering from declining revenues and reduced access to fish populations. In addition, many fisheries are not managed with an eye towards long-term sustainability. In some cases, marine resources are suffering the impacts; in many other cases, the impacts have not been assessed. As a result, California's marine ecosystems, supply of local seafood, our working waterfronts, coastal communities and fishermen are all at risk either from ongoing impacts or from our ignorance.

One of the major impediments to achieving real change is the lack of a sustainable source of funding to support the creation of more sustainable fisheries and communities. The California Fisheries Fund offers a solution that is environmentally and economically sustainable. With an investment of $2 million, the State can leverage a significant amount of existing capital and mend our failing fisheries. Too much is at stake to not invest in our future.

Please approve and capitalize the California Fisheries Fund on February 8th, 2007 by supporting the proposal set forth by Environmental Defense.

Sincerely,

Jim Curland

Jim Curland
Marine Program Associate

--
Jim Curland, Marine Program Associate
Defenders of Wildlife
P.O. Box 959
Moss Landing, CA. 95039
831-726-9010 (phone)
831-726-9020 (fax)

Defenders of Wildlife, in 2007 celebrating 60 years of wildlife and habitat conservation, is dedicated to the protection of native wild animals and plants in their natural communities. We focus our programs on what scientists consider two of the most serious environmental threats to the planet: the accelerating rate of extinction of species and the associated loss of biological diversity, and habitat alteration and destruction. Long known for our leadership on endangered species issues, Defenders of Wildlife also advocates new approaches to wildlife conservation that will help keep species from becoming endangered. Our programs encourage protection of entire ecosystems and interconnected habitats while protecting predators that serve as indicator species for ecosystem health.

http://www.defenders.org
http://www.kidsplanet.org

http://www.defenders.org/wildlife/new/seaotters.html (Defenders' Main Sea Otter Page)
http://www.kidsplanet.org/espanol/espint.html (Defenders' Sea Otter Teaching Unit)
http://www.defenders.org/wildlife/new/marine.html (Defenders' Marine Program Page)
http://www.defenders.org/california/marine.html (Defenders' California Marine Program)