Exhibit 8a2: Support Letters



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Dear Dr. Hutchins,

Thank you very much for reaching out to the California Current Acidification Network (C-CAN), with a request for assistance to disseminate results of your research on ocean acidification and climate change effects on toxic Pseudo-nitzschia blooms, and particularly on your proposed Pseudo-nitzschia toxicity project looking at multistressor effects of ocean acidification, warming, and nutrients. This is very important work to better understand potential impacts of harmful algal blooms (HABs) on marine ecosystems and marine life, including fishery stocks. Your work is critical to understanding how global change can be factored in to harmful algal bloom forecasting and predictions in California.

As you're aware, the C-CAN mission includes goals to:

Improve understanding of linkages between oceanographic conditions and biological responses; and

Facilitate communication and resource / data sharing among the many groups, organizations and entities that participate in C-CAN or utilize C-CAN as an informational resource.

We facilitate communications through the C-CAN listserv and our C-CAN website: <u>C-CAN.info</u>.

We would be happy to disseminate your research results from formally published, peer-reviewed journals on C-CAN venues, facilitating outreach to California coastal resource users interested in ocean acidification and climate change.

It would be helpful if you could also provide a summary/synopsis that is clearly focused on the audience(s) that you seek to reach (i.e. fisheries, aquaculture and academic stakeholders).

Good luck with your research. I hope your project is funded so you can continue your work.

Best regards,

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C-CAN Coordinator