

**From:** Greg Arca <[greg\\_arca@yahoo.com](mailto:greg_arca@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 5:46:06 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5:C Marine Protected Area Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP)

*"Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Gregory Arca, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,  
Greg Arca*

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** John Crivello <[jpcrivello30@yahoo.com](mailto:jpcrivello30@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 11:34:50 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C

*Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, John P. Crivello, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,*

John P Crivello

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**From:** Todd Kennedy <[ToddKennedy@clovisusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:ToddKennedy@clovisusd.k12.ca.us)>

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**Subject:** (5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program)

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*Sincerely,*

T. Kennedy

Clovis West High School

Environmental Science and Biology

National University

Professor of Human Anatomy and Microbiology

**"Be that which they grow beyond, that is the burden of all teachers"**

- Anonymous

**From:** Dayton Leong <[daytonyohio@gmail.com](mailto:daytonyohio@gmail.com)>

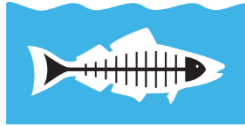
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 11:45:47 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** Funding for CCFRP

Dear Wade Crawford and the Ocean Protection Council,

I wrote to you in May 16, 2019, concerning the funding for the program of the Research fishing program of the CCFRP. They need your support and confidence obtaining Funds for this important area of study, it's staff and efforts of all the volunteers make a big difference in the study of all the MPA programs. All the data, technique and care of the population of rock fish are necessary for their study. It is so important to get this Funding to keep this operation alive for years to come. I have enjoyed being one the volunteers for 8 years. We need your consideration and funding to make this happen. Sincerely ,  
Dayton Leong



**Heal the Bay**

September 8, 2021



Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources  
Chair, Ocean Protection Council  
California Natural Resources Agency  
1416 9th Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
*Sent via electronic mail to: COPCpublic@resources.ca.gov*

**Re: Support for Item #5b and #5c: Marine Protected Area Signage Project and California Collaborative Fisheries Research Project**

Dear Secretary Crowfoot and Members of the Ocean Protection Council:

We are writing to commend the efforts of the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) to support the Marine Protected Area (MPA) Decadal Review of the network of California State MPAs. California's MPA network serves as a global model both for ocean conservation and for interagency cooperation and collaborative community engagement. Our organizations have been proud to support the MPA network over the past decade with a wide variety of programs from community science to outreach events, to development of curricula and other materials. We believe that review of the effectiveness and achievements of the collective efforts in MPA education and outreach, policy and permitting, enforcement and compliance, and research and monitoring will help ensure the future success of our network and we look forward to continued participation in the process.

As part of the MPA Decadal Review, we encourage OPC and its partners the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and California Fish and Game Commission to prioritize efforts to share information about the state's partnership-based approach to MPA management as well as seek input on how the state can better meet the goals of the Marine Life Protection Act over time. We specifically encourage support for synthesis of scientific and other information into concise summaries and easily understandable illustrations and graphics and to disseminate this information through channels that will reach a broad range of interested parties. We also encourage the state to post relevant information on state websites in a timely manner and provide content that can easily be shared by partner organizations such as our own.

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Finally, we also strongly recommend funding the California Collaborative Fisheries research Program (CCFRP) for the full amount. CCFRP is an innovative collaborative research project that provides both a valuable opportunity for fishermen and scientists to work together and generates an important dataset to inform MPA managers as well as state and federal fisheries management. The program also has an important outreach component: CCFRP recently volunteered staff time to co-create a video series targeting anglers to discuss topics such as spillover and catch and release. Feedback from the angling community regarding the videos has been overwhelmingly positive.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely

*Rikki Eriksen, PhD.*  
*Director of Marine Programs*  
*California Marine Sanctuary*

*Emil Parker*  
*Director of Marine Programs*  
*Heal the Bay*

**From:** Devon Christensen <[devon92626@gmail.com](mailto:devon92626@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 12:56:56 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,

I, Devon Christensen, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler, marine scientist, and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist. In ways that no other program has been able to achieve, CCFRP has been able to show me personally how well the MPA networks up and down the coast of California have improved fish stocks and helped the nearshore fish populations improve.

I hope to continue working with CCFRP in the future to collect valuable data. Continued funding of CCFRP would be a benefit to the future study and understanding of nearshore communities both inside and outside MPAs, and allow for unique collaboration between the scientific and fishing communities to continue and build great relationships between the, often at odds, communities.

Sincerely,  
Devon Christensen

**From:** Serena Desai <[serena.desai1@gmail.com](mailto:serena.desai1@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 6:51:24 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

*"Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Serena Desai, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,  
Serena Desai*



**From:** William Doo <[wxdoo@pacbell.net](mailto:wxdoo@pacbell.net)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 3:52:16 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

*Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, William Doo, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*The CCFRP is the right stuff. It is a great fish monitoring program using non bias volunteer anglers and methodologies.. How can you do any data collecting this cheap using free labor in accordance with scientific protocols?*

*I am a lifelong CA angler and a fisheries graduate of Humboldt State College (yes, before name change to University..*

*Sincerely,*

*William Doo*

**From:** Kevin Godes <[kevingodes@gmail.com](mailto:kevingodes@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 3:16:35 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

*Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Kevin Godes, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible as an angler and citizen scientist. I think it is also important to call attention to the increased awareness of both the CCFRP's mission and the larger function of MPA's in California's resource management that participation in the program facilitates. I personally became aware of the CCFRP through the Coastside fishing club website. This prompted me to search out the program and solicit the opportunity to become a volunteer angler. I have been fortunate enough to participate for the last 5 years. In sharing my experiences with fellow anglers, club members, and even members of the general public I have been met with interest and excitement both for the program but also the existence and mission of the MPA's. The value of this public outreach should not be discounted or underestimated and I ask you to consider this in assessing the value of the CCFRP's program.*

*Sincerely,  
Kevin Godes*

**From:** Sam Harader <[samharader@gmail.com](mailto:samharader@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 12:06:06 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

*"Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Sam Harader, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist. I have been a bit surprised with how much the MPAs have helped restore rockfish populations.*

*Sincerely,*

Sam Harader

**From:** Madison K <[madicat4321@gmail.com](mailto:madicat4321@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 7:55:12 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

*"Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Madison Kennedy, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,  
Madison Kennedy*

**From:** janicekrause007 <[janicekrause007@gmail.com](mailto:janicekrause007@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 1:21:28 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

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**Subject:** Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program)

*Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Janice Krause, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,  
Janice Krause*

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** Leah Lehr <[LLehr@psmfc.org](mailto:LLehr@psmfc.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 3:34:51 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** CCFRP needs full funding

Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,

I, Leah Lehr, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.

CCFRP is the only program that works with fishermen to monitor MPAs. CCFRP provides financial support for local boat owners, captains, and crew, which is extremely important for local fishermen. CCFRP is a rare example of successful collaborative fisheries research in California. CCFRP provides valuable communication opportunities with scientists and others engaged with MPAs

Sincerely,  
Leah Lehr

**From:** Daniel Razo <[danielrazoal@gmail.com](mailto:danielrazoal@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 12:07:30 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Cc:** Daniel Razo <[danielrazoal@gmail.com](mailto:danielrazoal@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** (5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program)

*"Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

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*Sincerely,  
Daniel Razo*

**From:** George Spiliotis <[gjslafco@gmail.com](mailto:gjslafco@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 2:59:11 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Cc:** CCFRP <[CCFRP@mlml.calstate.edu](mailto:CCFRP@mlml.calstate.edu)>

**Subject:** Re: Item 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

"Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,

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Sincerely,  
George Spiliotis  
Volunteer Angler



From: Jim Webb <[jimwebb0@icloud.com](mailto:jimwebb0@icloud.com)>

Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 1:43:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

To: CNRA COPC Public

Subject: Ccfrp Funding

Dear Mr. Crowfoot,

I am a volunteer with CCFRP and have been since 2007. In all that time I have been impressed with the quality of work and dedication these scientists exhibit. Please see that their research continues to be funded. Thank you, Jim Webb

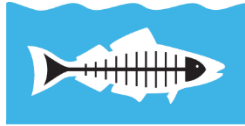
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Sent from Jim's

iPhone



## Heal the Bay

September 8, 2021

Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources  
Chair, Ocean Protection Council  
California Natural Resources Agency  
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Sacramento, CA 95814  
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Sincerely

*Rikki Eriksen, PhD.*  
*Director of Marine Programs*  
*California Marine Sanctuary*

*Emil Parker*  
*Director of Marine Programs*  
*Heal the Bay*

**From:** Charles Hendrickson <[charlesdisbrow@gmail.com](mailto:charlesdisbrow@gmail.com)>

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**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,

I, Charles Hendrickson, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.

Sincerely,

Charles Hendrickson

**From:** Mike Ingram <[mike.ingram@comcast.net](mailto:mike.ingram@comcast.net)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 10:59:32 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C

*I, Mike Ingram am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,*

Mike Ingram

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mike Ingram <[mike.ingram@comcast.net](mailto:mike.ingram@comcast.net)>

Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 11:04:19 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

To: CNRA COPC Public

Subject: 5c

As a long time California sportsman and advocate for proper fisheries management support the work of CCFRP. They need your support, please don't abandon their efforts.

Respectfully,

Mike Ingram

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Conner Jainese <[connerjainese@gmail.com](mailto:connerjainese@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 10:34:40 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

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*I, Conner Jainese, have been a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,  
Conner Jainese*

From: Don Maruska <[don@donmaruska.com](mailto:don@donmaruska.com)>

Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 10:24:00 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

To: CNRA COPC Public

Subject: Comment on 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,

We began the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP) 15 years ago to meld the knowledge and volunteer efforts of fishers with the rigors of science. It's been an astounding success. As a member of the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, I have seen the value of data collected not only for evaluating MPAs but also for critically important work on behalf of the State of California in making stock assessments. Throughout the 15 years, the program has operated on a meager budget. It's time to secure sufficient long-term funding. Please increase the allocation for CCFRP. With broad citizen scientist participation, the OPC will gain great leverage on its investment.

I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.

Sincerely,

Don Maruska

Don Maruska - climate health leader, entrepreneur, speaker, Master Certified Coach  
895 Napa Avenue, Suite A-5, Morro Bay, CA 93442; 805-772-4667; fax: 805-772-6475 Author of "How Great Decisions Get Made" and "Take Charge of Your Talent"  
ebook series "Grow and Enjoy Your Business" -- my gift to you at <https://DonMaruska.com> Author of upcoming book: "Climate Health Today - How You Can Have Fun Taking Action" Please share your stories of fun ways to take action for a healthy planet.

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**From:** Kelley Meece <[drkmeece@gmail.com](mailto:drkmeece@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 10:06:02 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: CCFRP

Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,

My name is Kelley Meece, I am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I began fishing with the Cal Poly, SLO crew at the inception of this program. I am a long time SLO county resident and am very concerned about the health and wellbeing of our ocean and its inhabitants. I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and our communities and expand the overall understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist. The continuation of this program is of the utmost importance. The program needs and deserves enough funds to maintain long term data collection for analysis to increase awareness and the protection of our marine life. Fish are friends!

Sincerely,

Kelley Meece, Ed.D

**From:** Three Ng Circus <[three\\_ng\\_circus@hotmail.com](mailto:three_ng_circus@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 10:12:01 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** Marine Protected Area Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP)

*I, Michael Ng, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,*

*Michael Ng*

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**From:** Robert Oshima <[rgoshima@sbpdiscovery.org](mailto:rgoshima@sbpdiscovery.org)>  
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**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** item 5c

*Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council*

*I, Robert Oshima am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,*  
Robert Oshima  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** timdsemon <[timdsemon@gmail.com](mailto:timdsemon@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 10:24:00 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C

I, Tim Semon, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.

As a retired fish and game commissioner in Lassen county, I know what these programs can do if funded properly. They are there to protect the ocean life as we know it today, and the findings will help guide the future of our coastline fisheries. Please find the funding they need to continue this valuable research.

Sincerely,

Tim Semon

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

**From:** BOB WILLET <[bobbydeon@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbydeon@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 11:20:13 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** Consideration of authorization to disburse funds for MPA Long-Term: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

[Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program](#)

*"Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Robert Willet, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,  
Robert "Bob" Willet*

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**From:** Lester Y <[lesteryung@hotmail.com](mailto:lesteryung@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 10:03:50 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5c: consideration of authorization to disburse funds for MPA long term monitoring: California collaborative fisheries research program

*"Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Lester Yung, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,  
Lester Yung*



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September 9, 2021

VIA Electronic Transmission

Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources  
Chair, Ocean Protection Council  
California Natural Resources Agency  
1416 9th Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for Item #5b and #5c: Marine Protected Area Signage Project and California Collaborative Fisheries Research Project**

Dear Chair Crowfoot and Members of the Ocean Protection Council:

Resources Legacy Fund (RLF) is pleased to offer support for the marine protected area (MPA) projects under consideration for approval by the Ocean Protection Council at your September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The MPA Signage Project builds upon the state and RLF's investments in regulatory and interpretive signs to inform coastal visitors about California's MPA network and facilitate compliance with MPA regulations. The proposed evaluation-based project will increase the effectiveness of signage efforts and ensure locally relevant content is informed by and shared with the public. RLF appreciates the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation's continued partnership with the state in developing and installing a range of MPA signage since initial MPA designation. We also see significant value in the role of the MPA Collaborative Network in integrating input from local communities into signage and MPA outreach content. The proposed project is an important next step in developing a comprehensive and effective signage program that supports MPA compliance and education.

The California Collaborative Fisheries Research Project (CCFRP) provides important MPA data while advancing partnerships among the fishing and academic communities. The CCFRP offers valuable opportunities for on-the-water collaboration while generating critical monitoring data that informs both MPA and fisheries management. RLF was pleased to help support the initial phases of the CCFRP program more than a decade ago and we see continued significant impact from the program's ongoing contributions.

By approving this important set of MPA implementation projects, the Ocean Protection Council will advance Goal 3 of its 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, as well as signage and monitoring tasks within the MPA Statewide Leadership Team's 2021-2024 Work Plan. We appreciate your leadership and look forward to continuing to work closely with your Council in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Kaitilin Gaffney  
Director of Ocean, Coast, and Fisheries

**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 3:07:01 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

Dear Wade Crawford and the Ocean Protection Council,

I, Caroline Newell, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.

Sincerely,

Caroline Newell

University of California, Davis. Class of 2019.

Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology Major/Statistics, GIS Minors

Junior Specialist | Center for Watershed Sciences



**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:33:53 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

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Sincerely,

Zac Reinstein

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**Subject:** (5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program) in the email

*“Dear Wade Crawfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Scott Vinson Sr. am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP’s MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California’s MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,*

***Scott Vinson Sr.***

*Former US Navy,*

*President Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce 2010*

***Proudly supporting CV Police Foundation, CV Fire Foundation, CV Animal Care Facility,  
and the Citizens Adversity Support Team, CCFRP***

**Sent:** Sunday, September 12, 2021 6:57:07 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** Public Comment for September 14: (5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program)

Dear Wade Crawford and the Ocean Protection Council,

I, Jeffrey Barriger, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.

**The opportunity to continue this research is invaluable and I urge you to support the continued efforts of CCFRP and keep the program going. It is excellent value for the money and is so important to continue to monitor the health of the ecosystem at this critical time.**

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Barriger  
San Luis Obispo  
CCFRP Volunteer

**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:41:10 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program - SUPPORT LETTER

*Dear Wade Crawfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, CINA LOARIE BOITNOTT, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,*

Cina Loarie Boitnott

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 9:49:28 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program)

*I, Louis Breuner, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,  
Louis Breuner*

**Sent:** Sunday, September 12, 2021 11:45:49 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

Dear Wade Crawfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,

I, Andrew Briggs, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.

Sincerely,

Andrew Briggs

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**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Funding for California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP)

*Dear Wade Crawfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Gary Fleener, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,*

*Gary Fleener*

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Gary B. Fleener, Ph.D.  
Science, Sustainability & Farm Education  
Hog Island Oyster Company  
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Marshall, CA 94940

**Sent:** Sunday, September 12, 2021 8:54:42 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program)

*I, Steven Gee, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

Sincerely,  
Steven Gee



**Sent:** Saturday, September 11, 2021 5:23:54 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Support Funding

*“Dear Wade Crawfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Howard M. Hada, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP’s MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California’s MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,  
Howard M. Hada*

**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 5:23:24 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** CCFRP funding

*“Dear Wade Crawfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Sheperd Harper, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP’s MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California’s MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

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Sheperd Harper*

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**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** CCFRP grant

I have participated in this program for 11 years as a volunteer angler. I have seen the data, and have also experienced the ups and downs in species size and quantities over 11 years.

CCFRP provides non-biased, scientific data that helps manage near-shore fisheries in California. It is sorely needed to manage marine preserves and our declining near shore fisheries.

Paul Heuser

Don Kandarian  
425 Bernardo Ave.  
Morro Bay, Ca 93442  
Fire Chief, U.S. Forest Service (retired)  
559-287-3996

September 11, 2021

Dear Mr. Wade Crawfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,

I am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems.

The data set and program are well respected by State and Federal agencies as well as operators in the fishing business. Their data sets are responsible for healthy fish populations and ecosystems. They are not a "research for research alone" program. They truly do make a difference. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has

allowed me to work with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist. Interacting with the hardworking individuals in CCFRP makes me feel confident that my social security will be paid in the future!

It is truly an excellent, professional organization that should be funded at the optimal operating level.

Sincerely,

/s/ Don

Don Kandarian

Sent: Saturday, September 11, 2021 6:41:27 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

To: CNRA COPC Public

Subject: 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

Dear Wade Crawfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,

I, Bradley Kennedy, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Bradley Kennedy

**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 7:05:46 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** CNRA COPC Public <[COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov](mailto:COPCPublic@resources.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** Item 5c - California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

I, Vincent McPeek, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.

Sincerely,  
Vincent McPeek

**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 7:09:11 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

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**Subject:** 5C: Consideration of Authorization to Disburse Funds for MPA Long-Term Monitoring: California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

*Dear Wade Crawfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, TaNish Peelgrane am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,  
Tanish Peelgrane*



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**Subject:** California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program

*"Dear Wade Crowfoot and the Ocean Protection Council,*

*I, Randall Toji, am a volunteer angler with the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). I am writing this letter of support for funding for CCFRP. As a recreational angler and stakeholder of nearshore marine resources, I believe CCFRP's MPA monitoring efforts are critically important to the successful management of California's MPA network. Their unique data set will improve the information available to fisheries resource managers and expand our understanding of nearshore marine ecosystems. CCFRP has a broad reach that has allowed me to participate in collecting valuable citizen science data and, through educational interactions with CCFRP scientists, expanded my knowledge of MPAs and nearshore marine communities. Volunteering for CCFRP has allowed me to interact with the state MPA network in a way that would otherwise be impossible, as an angler and citizen scientist.*

*Sincerely,  
Randall K. Toji*

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