

## **Marine Interests Group San Luis Obispo County**

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### **RE: Participation in MLPA Process and Requested Appointment of Dr. Dean Wendt to Scientific Advisory Team**

We are the Marine Interests Group of San Luis Obispo County (MIG).  
Our mission is to

- Promote understanding of the marine resources off the Coast of San Luis Obispo County and the needs and interests of the stakeholders involved with their use and enjoyment.
- Openly examine potential ways to sustain and enhance the resources.
- Recommend desirable courses of action (or no action) as appropriate to support the resources and their sustainable use.

We have received support from the World Wildlife Fund, the Resource Legacy Foundation Fund, multiple San Luis Obispo community groups and individuals, and local, state, and federal elected officials representing San Luis Obispo County.

As the Blue Ribbon Task Force works on the policies and considerations of the MLPA, we would be very grateful to be included in updates of meetings, public participation, and to share with the Task Force the MIG's Cal Poly research on rock fish, pollution studies & pelagic bird surveys. The stakeholder group is in its second year and is comprised of elected representatives, agencies, and community stakeholders.

We are also working on a federal and state agency marine jurisdictional map of the area between the Monterey NMS & Channel Island NMS.

At its meeting on October 6, 2004, the Working Committee unanimously endorsed Dr. Dean Wendt for inclusion on the MLPA Science Advisory Team. Dr. Wendt earned his Ph.D. in biology from Harvard, is a member of Cal Poly's faculty, has earned the respect of all marine interests, leads productive collaborative research projects with scientists, fishermen, and environmental interests, and has a compelling way of communicating scientific insights to public audiences. The Working Committee recommends Dr. Nancy Dalman, who earned her Ph.D. from Stanford and teaches marine biology at Cuesta College, as an alternate.

Sincerely yours,

*Marine Interests Group of SLO County*