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Again, I urge you to honor your wilderness promise by renewing your commitment to protect Drakes Estero with the full wilderness protection it needs and deserves as a beloved American natural resource for all of us.

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Name: mahan, janet
Outside Organization: human race Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence: I support a special use permit to allow the Drakes Bay Oyster company to continue operating as they have been. They are outstanding stewards of the land/water and their small business is an example of the type our country needs many more of. Do not close them down as it would be a financial as well as a moral error on your part. Let the "little business" win one over the developer for once on the delightful and scenic coast.

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Name: Bailey, Jillian
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Name: Olin, Paul G
Outside Organization: University of California Sea Grant Program Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company (DBOC) in keeping with the clearly stated intentions of the legislators responsible for the creation of the Park.

The proposed options are an attempt to usurp the authority of the California Department of Fish and Game to manage aquaculture leases in the State.

All proposed alternatives put the oyster farm out of business - NPS should create a new alternative that supports oyster farming and maintains the renewal option. While the NEPA process mandates the consideration of a "no-action alternative," there are no alternatives here that qualify as "no-action." Alternative A forces DBOC out of business next year and the other alternatives shut DBOC down in ten years. The draft EIS fails to provide a valid status-quo baseline, which would include a lease with a renewal option. A new set of alternatives must be created that meet the actual criteria for this process.

NPS should support a renewable permit. Please support the issuance of a renewable permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company. DBOC must be allowed to continue the existing uses pursuant to the existing California Department of Fish and Game leases in place since 1934.

NPS should adhere to its existing management policies, which support the continuation of the oyster farm. The current NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes National Seashore, adopted in 1980, supports the continued operation of the oyster farm, as do all of the relevant Marin County planning documents. The draft EIS does not include justification for the decision to overturn the existing General Management Plan and Marin County's planning processes. The failure to address these issues is unacceptable.

NPS must consider the environmental benefits of the oyster farm and correct the misrepresentations. PRNS has misrepresented the facts about the environmental benefits of oyster farming. The draft EIS misrepresents those facts again, calling the removal of the oyster farm the "environmentally preferable" alternative. This fails to address the important ecological services provided by oysters, including filtering water. It also fails to address the environmental impacts of replacing a local, sustainable food source with the alternative of importing oysters in order to meet the current demand. The nation currently suffers a \$10 billion seafood deficit; any loss in domestic production correlates to an increase in international imports. Comparisons of the carbon footprint of the existing food source with the replacement food source must be analyzed in the EIS.

NPS must fully address the economic impacts of the oyster farm - the draft study fails to provide a complete analysis. The draft EIS mentions that removing the oyster farm would cause "major, long-term, adverse effects to the California shellfish market" but does not provide a complete analysis of these impacts, nor does it include these impacts in the overall analysis. Further, it does not analyze the impacts of eliminating one of the largest employers in West Marin County and the last remaining oyster cannery in California. The EIS must address the economic impacts of eliminating the production of nearly 40% of California's oysters and the subsequent impact on the economy.

NPS must fully address the socioeconomic impact of the oyster farm - this draft study section should be reformulated to address impacts on West Marin itself. The discussion of the socioeconomic impact of the alternatives is seriously flawed. Different geographic parameters are used throughout that chapter seemingly at random, switching from Inverness proper, to greater West Marin, to Marin, to multi-county, to statewide, to nationwide. This switching of parameters is used to argue that the job losses caused by shutting down the oyster farm would be minimal. Considered properly, in the context of West Marin, these job losses would be anything but minimal, as DBOC is one of the largest employers in the area. This section should be reformulated and corrected for the EIS.

NPS must fully address the historical cultural role of oyster farming in Drakes Estero - the draft study is inadequate. The EIS should assess the cultural impacts of eliminating an institution that has been in operation for generations and that is important to park visitors, local restaurants, and the local foodshed.

NPS must properly assess impacts (both actual and potential) on wildlife - the draft study makes claims of harm based on weak or non-existent evidence. The draft EIS claims that removing the oyster farm would benefit harbor seals; that claim is not supported by science. This issue has been reviewed by various agencies and individuals, including the National Academy of Sciences and many prominent scientists, with the conclusion that the impact of the oyster farm on the harbor seals cannot be determined. What is known, however, is that Drakes Estero is currently home to one of the largest harbor seal populations on the California coast and that the population seems to be stable.

The draft EIS also includes a tremendous amount of discussion about special-status species and concludes that the oyster farm has or could have a negative impact on these species - yet most of the species mentioned in the report don't even exist in the estero (plovers, terns, red-legged frogs, and leatherback turtles). The final EIS should reconsider all wildlife issues and provide a data-based assessment. NPS must address the oyster farm's contributions to local habitat restoration and endangered bird

restoration efforts - the draft study ignores these restoration services provided by the oyster farm. The oyster shell byproduct from the Drakes Bay Oyster Farm cannery is a critical resource for re-establishing native oyster beds and for restoring Least Tern and Snowy Plover habitat, both in the San Francisco Bay. The California Least Tern is a U.S. federally listed endangered species and the Snowy Plover is in decline due to habitat loss. These two restoration projects have relied very heavily on the philanthropic contributions of Drakes Bay Oyster Company and it is unlikely these projects would continue if shell were to be sourced out of state. The draft EIS does not address the impacts to wildlife or the environmental issues surrounding the loss of these restoration efforts.

NPS must address national aquaculture policies when considering the oyster farm - the draft study does not discuss the various government and private efforts to encourage shellfish aquaculture around the country and around the world. Shellfish aquaculture is widely recognized nationally and globally as having a valuable role in the protection of wild fish resources. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is encouraging aquaculture through a recently announced National Shellfish Initiative and the EIS should take these policies into account.

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Name: DeZwarte, Marcia
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 14:51:53
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Correspondence: I have kept abreast of the conflict between Drakes Bay Oyster Farm and the National Park Service. I have yet to read any rational reason why the Oyster Farm should not have its permit renewed. The oyster farm is in a pastoral zone designated for agricultural purposes. It is not in an area that would endanger harbor seals which are federally protected. The oyster farm has nothing but positives on its list of reasons for existence. Marin agricultural farmers as a group are some of the most cognizant of proper, careful land use in the country, and Drakes Bay Oyster Farm is no exception. The farm has a history of utmost care for the Bay, and it needs to remain a source of sustainable food and as a local employer. It disappoints me that the National Park Service is being a bully and unreasonable about this issue.

Correspondence ID: 47009 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, Kimberly
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 14:53:05
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Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

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Name: Gallagher, Katherine
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sirs:

I graduated from Monterey Institute of International Studies with a specialization in International Marine Policy and did my thesis on aquaculture. I visited salmon farms in various countries and am aware of the continued environmental issues they face. One of the solutions to potential environmental damage is to incorporate shellfish on the site. Oyster filtering has quantitative significance and a farm operating with sustainable methods should be awarded. The Drakes Bay Oyster Farm meets that criteria.

Please consider the following information.

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There are many other issues with this document, but those listed above are among our top concerns.

Thank you,

Katherine Gallagher

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Name: Milhaupt, Shannon
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.28,2011 15:05:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

Correspondence ID: 47046 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.28,2011 15:10:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

We have traveled to Inverness every year for almost 20 years, specifically to hold a weekend-long Oysterfest. We strongly support DBOC and the Lunny Family being able to continue the legacy of oyster cultivation that has been permitted on that site since 1934 without environmental damage.

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Name: Frankel, Janet
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 15:12:47
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Correspondence: I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47048 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Higuera, Lucy T
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 15:18:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please reconsider the fate of Drake's Bay Oyster Farm. They are sustainable, and oysters are great for the environment as they filter the water. They are not detrimental to the environ like, say, kayakers!!This is the last farm and cannery and it should be protected not regulated out of existence. NPS does many useful things, but annihilating the DBOF would be an abuse of power. Thank you. Sincerely, Lucy Higuera

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Name: Williams, Yvonne
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Name: Axt, Benjamin
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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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Name: Perna, Marilyn
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 16:02:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

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Correspondence ID: 47112 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Rantala, Mervi

Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,28,2011 16:05:51

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Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

Correspondence ID: 47113 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Smith, Sheila

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,28,2011 16:06:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47114 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: N/A, N/A

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,28,2011 16:06:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: 1. Oyster farming is NOT harming Harbor Seals.

Dr. Corey Goodman shows that the seals are being harmed by kayakers, not the oyster farm boats. These photographs come from the National Park Service - 3 1/2 years worth of photographs that clearly show that there has not been a single disturbance by the oyster farm.

Watch Dr. Corey Goodman's video proving that the seals are not being harmed: <http://www.youtube.com/embed/y0Eo-3-X-DQ>

2. Oyster farming is NOT harming eel grass or causing increased sedimentation in Drakes Estero.

3. Oysters do NOT threaten native species.

According to the Alliance for Local Sustainable Agriculture: (<http://www.alsamarin.org/esteroscience.htm>)

Historically and currently, the shellfish species produced within this lease include Pacific Oysters, Kumamoto Oysters, Manila Clams and Purple Hinged Rock Scallops. These products continue to be produced as "singles" and sold live in-shell as well as

shucked packed in various sized containers. The water temperature of Drakes Estero remains too cold for the non-native oysters to reproduce, therefore they are not able to escape into the natural habitat.

The Drakes Bay Oyster Farm produces its own shellfish seed (baby shellfish) by performing remote setting on-farm, which mean no "hitchhiker" organisms or diseases are introduced from elsewhere.

Oysters = Good Water Quality

Folks, oysters are CRITICAL to the health of our oceans.

A single oyster is capable of filtering over fifty gallons of water per day. Scientists have shown that the shellfish aquaculture in Drakes Estero improves both species richness and abundance in Drakes Estero.

For this reason, the California State Legislation reads:

WATER CODE SECTION 14950-14958

14950. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Shellfish Protection Act of 1993.

14951. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Commercial shellfish harvesting is a beneficial use of the waters of the state and, in addition, benefits the economy of the state through the creation of jobs. (b) Pollution, from both point and nonpoint sources, currently threatens many of the state's commercial shellfish growing areas. (c) In order to maintain the health, and encourage the expansion, of commercial shellfish harvesting within the state, it is necessary to protect the commercial shellfish growing areas from ongoing point and nonpoint sources of pollution. (d) The regional boards whose jurisdictions include commercial shellfish growing areas shall have primary responsibility for the protection of commercial shellfish harvesting from the effects of point and nonpoint pollution sources.

I SUPPORT Drakes Bay Oyster Company and you believe that sustainably farmed oysters IMPROVE the environment and do not harm it in any way.

Correspondence ID: 47115 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Pitts, Alexandra
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 16:11:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our family has gotten oysters from this farm for the last 45 years. Your claims that this sustainable farm is bad for the environment are just plain wrong. The oyster farm is not harming seals, eel grass or other native species; look at your own data. Many parts of the National Seashore have been a working landscape for as long as non first people have been there. I SUPPORT Drakes Bay Oyster Company and believe that sustainably farmed oysters IMPROVE the environment and do not harm it in any way. As a Californian and an American I want you to let them stay open.

Correspondence ID: 47116 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: FitzGerald, Lisa M
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 16:22:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please select the No Action Alternative so that Drakes Estero will become Wilderness in 2012, as directed by Congress 36 years ago!

Correspondence ID: 47117 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hill, J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 16:28:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sir/Madam:

"None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company."

Sincerely,

J.Hill

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Name: Ostrander, Bonnie L
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Harrell, Roger & Margaret

Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,28,2011 16:32:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As grandparents and voters who care about our legacy for the future, we are writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As people who enjoy our nation's spectacular national parks, we urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

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Name: Stadnik, George

Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

Correspondence ID: 47151 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Moody, Robert D

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,28,2011 16:34:23

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Correspondence: I AM WRITING TO SUPPORT THE ISSUANCE OF A RENEWABLE PERMIT TO DRAKES BAY OYSTER CO. DBOC SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THE EXISTING USES UNDER THE EXISTING CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME LEASES AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY. THE dEIS FAILS TO PROVIDE A VALID STATUS-QUO BASELINE.

The dEIS fails to address the important ecological services provided by oysters, including filtering water. Drakes Estero is one of the most pristine estuaries in the country due to the presence of the oysters.

Correspondence ID: 47152 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Chase, Sam L

Outside Organization: ECCM Associates Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,28,2011 16:34:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

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Name: Moody, Robert D

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The dEIS fails to address comparisons of the carbon footprint of the existing food source with the replacement food source which must be analyzed. I.E., replacing a local, sustainable food source by flying 35,000 pounds of oysters from Asia each week.

Correspondence ID: 47154 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Guthrie, Kevin R

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The dEIS states; removing the oyster farm would cause "major, long-term adverse effects to the California shellfish market". However, the dEIS does not provide a complete analysis of these impacts. I.E. The economic impact of eliminating nearly 40% of California oysters and eliminating one of the largest employers in West Marin.

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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence: I support a renewable special use permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Co.

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Name: Tassin, Kristin
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 17:01:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to sincerely urge you to give full wilderness protection to Drakes Estero.

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Name: saedaway, maha
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 17:05:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

Correspondence ID: 47183 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: steiber, phyllis j
Outside Organization: The Ferlin Group Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 17:08:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Oyster Bay Co

Correspondence ID: 47184 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Moody, Robert D
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 17:12:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I AM WRITING TO SUPPORT THE ISSUANCE OF A RENEWABLE PERMIT TO DRAKES BAY OYSTER CO. DBOC SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THE EXISTING USES UNDER THE EXISTING CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME LEASES AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY. THE dEIS FAILS TO PROVIDE A STATUS-QUO BASELINE.

The dEIS does not address impacts to local habitat restoration efforts. The oyster shell byproducts from the Drakes Bay oyster farm cannery is the sole, critical resource for reestablishing native oyster beds and for restoring CA Least Tern (endangered) and Snowy Plover (declining population) habitat in San Francisco Bay. These restoration operations could be shut down if the DBOC is closed. THE IMPACT OF THE LOSS OF THESE RESTORATION EFFORTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED!

Correspondence ID: 47185 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ball, Evelyn
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 17:19:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the NO ACTION Alternative. It is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative and would provide for the area to become Wilderness in 2012 as Congress intended since the 1970s. ? The Action Alternatives have significant long-term adverse impacts to the Drakes Estero environment, including to wetlands, birds, fish, harbor seals, native mollusks, endangered species, eelgrass beds and to wilderness and the national park experience. ? The Action Alternatives are a direct attack on the Wilderness Act of 1964, run counter to the 1962 Point Reyes enabling legislation and the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, and set a dangerous precedent for future commercialization of National Parks and Wilderness around the county. ? The oyster operation involves 3,700 motorboat trips per year through harbor seal and eelgrass habitat; promotes the spread of invasive species impacts to native oysters, eelgrass beds, bird, fish and endangered species habitat; and litters remote Point Reyes beaches with thousands of pieces of plastic trash.

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The dEIS does not adequately assess the historic cultural role of the oyster farm operating in West Marin for generations and the importance to Park visitors, local restaurants and local food shed.

Correspondence ID: 47187 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Simantel, Kym
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 17:27:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom it may concern,

All of the proposed alternatives will virtually shut down the Oyster Farm. Please do not do this... Myself and many people from Nevada enjoy coming there specifically to experience the area and purchase the amazing oysters from Drakes Bay.

As far as I'm concerned, none of the proposed alternatives are suitable...

I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Let me repeat myself, so I make sure you understand how important this is for the Point Reyes area to continue to attract people

for the unique specialties that the area provides and Drakes Bay oyster farm is one of them I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Thank You so much!

Kym Simantel

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THE dEIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY REASONS FOR, OF DISCUSSION OF, THE DECISION TO BYPASS THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE AND MARIN COUNTY'S PLANNING PROCESSES! The 1980 GMP and all relevant Marin County County planning documents strongly support the continued operation of the oyster farm. THESE MUST BE CONSIDERED AND ADDRESSED!

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Name: Collins, Anne
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 17:31:23
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Correspondence: As a biologist and a veterinarian, I have been deeply concerned about our human impact on wildlife and the environment for decades.

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Name: Heinlein, Philip D
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Received: Nov,28,2011 17:32:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add Drakes Estero to the Philip Burton Wilderness in 2012 as originally intended

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Name: Leidolph, Rose
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 17:32:53
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Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

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Name: Moody, Robert D
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 17:45:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I AM WRITING TO SUPPORT THE ISSUANCE OF A RENEWABLE PERMIT FOR DRAKES BAY OYSTER CO. DBOC SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THE EXISTING USES UNDER THE EXISTING CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME LEASES AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY. dEIS FAILS TO PROVIDE A VALID STATUS-QUO BASELINE.

The dEIS fails to consider National Aquaculture policies. Shellfish aquaculture is widely recognized nationally and globally as having a valuable role in the protection of wild fish resources. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is encouraging aquaculture for this and many other reasons. THESE POLICIES MUST BE CONSIDERED!

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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 17:48:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Drakes Bay Oyster Company. I believe that sustainably farmed oysters improve the environment and do not harm it in any way.

Correspondence ID: 47220 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: George, Anna M
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 17:55:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

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Name: Faleofa, Tracey
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

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Name: Thompson, Nancy M
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Correspondence: Of the alternatives presented, the one that changes the current situation least is to be preferred. That part of the Point Reyes peninsula is not wilderness, but agricultural land, and cattle have a much greater environmental impact than oysters. The farming of shellfish is an important part of the area's history and culture--far more authentic than the Visitors' centers in other parts of Point Reyes.

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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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Name: hardy, ruth
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In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

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Name: Burns, Thomas
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Received: Nov,28,2011 18:33:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company. Please approve it so sustainable agriculture operation may continue. Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 47267 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: greer, dixon d
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 18:51:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company."

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Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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California's wildlife, especially along the coast, deserves as much protection as we can give them.

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of these comments.

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Name: Dee, Diana
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.28,2011 19:02:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

Correspondence ID: 47299 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: D'Alfonso, Ilani
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.28,2011 19:03:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

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Name: Bilgart, Paulette
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern: RE: Drakes Bay Oysters "None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company."

Correspondence ID: 47302 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Baker, Alicia
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 19:05:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Name: Talbert, Chris
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 19:09:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Oysters are critical to the health of our oceans and water ways. We need more sustainable oyster farms, not fewer, as these

animals do not reproduce at a much lower rate on their own.

Correspondence ID: 47305 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, Elley
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 19:10:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Drakes Bay Oyster Farm. I firmly believe that these sustainably raised oysters are good for the environment, not harmful. The NWF and Sierra Club will no longer be receiving my money if they continue to push projects like this that are based on lies and politics.

Correspondence ID: 47306 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Moritz, David J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 19:18:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Seashore Parkservice has never acknowledged any of the mistakes they make. From the pepperspraying of the teenagers for not having a front licence plate , trying to get the Marin county D.A. to file assault charges , to false claims against the Drakes bay Oysters. How can us ordinary citizens have any respect for you . Please drop your pit bull tactics and leave us our harmless oyster farm. Sincerely David Moritz

Correspondence ID: 47307 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Escher, Christopher
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 19:30:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Guys: Please keep Drakes' Bay Oysters open. I understand the desire to return certain areas of land to wilderness status, as an intellectual point, but hey, you're going too far. Remember: native oyster farms WERE wilderness in many parts of the U.S. before Europeans arrived. Are you opposed to replanting trees? Planting native grasses? Isn't that human intervention? Please, please, let Drakes' Bay Oysters stay alive, keep the water clean, and set an example of how we can reclaim some tiny percentage oflost oyster areas.

Maybe in 75 years there will be more oyster farms and so drakes' bay won't matter so much. But let it be. It's working, it's great, and it doesn't hurt to keep it alive awhile longer

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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 19:35:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

Alternative A is the environmentally preferred alternative that would expand and provide the best habitat protections within the only marine wilderness on the west coast. Drakes Estero is a unique wildlife area that is connected to critically important marine habitat for endangered leatherback sea turtles and protected species of marine mammals. Drakes Bay is part of the Leatherback Conservation Area and is also proposed as critical habitat for the endangered Pacific leatherback sea turtle.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 47328 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Pruessner, Kathryn
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 19:36:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Thank you.

Alethea Patton

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Name: Mansfield, Jack R

Outside Organization: Gillyflower Nursery Unaffiliated Individual

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Name: Dingillo, Carla

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: I believe that the oyster production at Drake's Bay Oyster Company is good for Marin, California and, in general, the park service. It is a shame that this has happened to this company, as it provides a good, healthy product to the citizens of California and others at no harm to anyone. The idea that it is not good for the environment is nonsense, and I do not believe any of the studies that have been produced by the Park Service. Most people who have visited there and seen the production and the care that is taken do not believe that this is harmful in any way to the environment, seals, water, etc.

What nonsense, and what a crime if their lease is not renewed, what is next that the Government can do to ruin lives of people for no reason whatsoever other than for some agenda that makes no sense! Turning Pt Reyes into a wilderness is nonsense when we have roads there, not to mention farms, how crazy is that! Oysters are not harmful to a wilderness, at least as far as what I have read or observed.

Shame on you

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Name: Gibson, Christina

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In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

Also, in the SE TN, NW Ga, historic, rural, forested, areas, of Apison, Brainerd, E. Hamilton, Summit(should be deannexed), Collegedale, Ooltewah(does not need a new city in the middle of it, or new development called "Cambridge",etc), McDonald, Harrison Bay, and rural communities such as Lebanon, Blue Springs, Flint Springs,Black Fox, Red Clay(state historic park), and areas around these, and into NW Ga areas, of Cohutta(where the fish hatchery is located), Cherokee Valley, Whitfield Co., Catoosa Co, Ga., and areas around these, into Tunnel Hill, and Ringgold, Ga,etc. These areas have wetlands, watersheds, natural springs (which feed into other riversystems that have endangered aquatic and other species), creeks, etc. These areas also have many migratory birds,etc., that utilize these areas, thier wetlands, streams (i.e. Collegedale stream) and forests and all of it should be protected from metro annexation, urbanization, real estate takeovers, or expansions, big business, big transportation, big highways, high density housing developments, big spikes in the human population, etc. During heavy rains these areas, and others around them are unfortunatly experiencing increased flooding, as has been reported on the local news, (especially understood about the Cleveland TN area). They say they are going to redo their flood maps, and some say that the increased flooding is due to so much development occurring in and around these areas. The TVA should not be allowed to be involved with real estate of any kind, and/or economic development, other than just providing (hopefully much cleaner energy),etc. The above areas need to be preserved as soon as possible as a National Conservation and Rural Heritage Area, preserving roads/trails, landscapes, forests, wildlife habitat, etc., and offering more protections environmentally, and more eco/equine/agri tourism opportunities for all. These areas, including millions of acres of wetlands, historic ridges, forests, natural springs, and more, will be lost to development forever, and affect other lands and waterways, around them. These areas are more known for thier rich Native American history, however there is substantial Civil War history also (i.e., publication, Bradley County Divided). Please preserve these areas, thier resources, and more as permanently as possible, and to provide secure, stable, permanent, jobs for those that farm, and other related acitivities. Farmpreneurs, and others that want a more natural business, and lifestyle, are being repressed, because of development looming ahead, depressing the economy further not helping it. Hopefully, we will be allowed to appoint/vote in and retain many more environmental democrats in 2012! Thank you!

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Name: Questa, Craig B
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Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

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Name: Eardley, Bradley
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Received: Nov,28,2011 20:33:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Select the No Action Alternative so that Drakes Estero will become Wilderness in 2012, as directed by Congress 36 years ago! Allow the Drakes Bay Oyster Company's lease to expire.

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Correspondence: The recent scientific misconduct of the National Park Service and current attempt to evict Drakes Bay Oyster Company from Point Reyes National Seashore is both surprising and shameful. I am a scientist and environmentalist who is also very interested in preserving local culture, local agriculture, and local livelihoods. I am urging you to reconsider your present course before you further strain your credibility with your stakeholders, many of whom have supported NPS on countless previous issues.

I possess an original copy of "Land Use Survey and Economic Feasibility Report for Point Reyes National Seashore," published by the U.S. National Park Service in 1961. The value of the farms to the Seashore is stated throughout. The oyster farm and cannery "would add recreation and economic value to the seashore" (p.1, Land Use Survey), and further, "The culture of oysters is an interesting and unique industry which presents exceptional educational opportunities for introducing the public, especially

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It is my humble belief that the resurgence of small, sustainable farms and locally-consumed goods represents one of the only ways we can salvage any sort of quality of life in the otherwise mega-corporate 21st century. The efforts of the NPS and the Sierra Club to willfully destroy the rare coexistence of natural beauty and sustainable farms at Point Reyes has the potential to permanently harm this region forever.

This is important. Please cease your misguided efforts to evict Drakes Bay Oyster Co.

Thank you, Jeff Wagner Fairfax, CA

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Name: Haines, Jeffrey
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
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public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

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Name: conley, jan
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Name: Hodie, Jake
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Correspondence: So much of our wilderness has already been ruined by development, drilling, pollution, and man. Enough is enough! The wilderness is supposed to be a place of peace and quiet for us, and the wildlife which live in it! The animals are running out of places to live and be safe. Our wildlife are under threat from so many angles. They desperately need to be protected, mainly from humans. Life is hard enough for people, let alone the animals. Can't we please offer them some much needed help?! PLEASE save the Drakes Estero for all future generations before it is permanently ruined. Some damage cannot be undone!

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Correspondence ID: 47427 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: west, rhonda
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 22:01:07
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Correspondence: "None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company."

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Name: Taylor, Robert
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 22:03:45
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Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay

back.

Correspondence ID: 47429 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ericson, Pat
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Name: Hakam, Jamila
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I've been traveling out to Drakes Bay Oyster Company, and its predecessor Johnson's Oyster Farm, for decades, to buy and consume locally grown oysters. It is an important family ritual started when I was just a toddler.

The National Park Service should do everything it can to support local agriculture and mariculture. The Draft EIS is deficient in taking into account the value of the DBOC to the local economy as well as the natural environment.

Please issue a renewable SUP for DBOC, as the legislators creating the National Seashore originally intended.

Thank you,

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Name: Yovino-Young, Michael
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Received: Nov,28,2011 22:18:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable lease or The Drakes Bay Oyster Company

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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

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Name: Gruber, Christine
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Bilicska, Joe

Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,28,2011 23:06:29

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Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Name: N/A, N/A

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: I urge the decision makers to consider the renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company. This company has been around for many many years and hundreds and thousands of people have been able to enjoy the wonderful service and product that they provide. Drakes Bay Oyster Company is part of the local community by providing jobs and supporting community efforts through their outreach and education. They are stewards of the land, taking care to not deplete Mother Nature's environment, but instead are in balance with it.

None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47474 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Upham, Janet

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,28,2011 23:22:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been a Marin County resident all of my life and have always had a special place in my heart for the Inverness/Pt. Reyes Seashore area and used to frequent the area a lot. Our drives out there always included stops for Drakes Bay Oysters. I believe that the Drakes Bay Oyster Company has a place in our history and a place in our future. From what I have read and seen the environmental impacts are minimal - the history is awesome, and this small business is what our beloved country is all about. Please accept my comments as fully and wholeheartedly in support of a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Co. I believe that this is the only conscienable decision that you should make - and I fully trust that you will as this is the right decision. Thanks you for letting me express my opinion. Sincerely, Janet W. Upham

Correspondence ID: 47475 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ruttan, Barbara c
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,28,2011 23:26:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Drake's Bay oyster farm. Farming oysters is very good for the other animals and sea life overall. Please look further into the science and support more accurate findings. We need to preserve the oysters whose species in dwindling worldwide.

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Name: Da Silva Jain, Katherine C
Outside Organization: Sierra Club and Sustainable San Rafael Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.28,2011 23:35:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not issue a new lease, but allow the area to return to Wilderness, as promised to the community in 1976.

It is of great concern that there are efforts to roll back the agreement to create the ONLY marine Wilderness on the west coast, at Point Reyes. The issue is straight forward: When current owner Kevin Lunny bought his lease, he signed legally binding documents, agreeing and acknowledging the end of commercial oyster operations in Drakes Estero in November 2012. To break those contracts will lead to a serious precedent, damaging the Wilderness Act, jeopardizing National Parks all over the Country.

Initially, I thought that this oyster farm may be "sustainable", i.e. a local source of marine protein. However, when I learned more and realized that this is the only marine wilderness area from Canada to Mexico, I was convinced we must work to protect Drakes Estero and send the non-native, commercial oysters elsewhere. Galling, too, is the fact that the Drakes Oyster Company (DBOC) was offered a lucrative buyout of their remaining contract and help setting up growing beds in Tomales Bay, by a non-profit environmental group. The owners refused, preferring to remain in the most sensitive area on Park property. DBOC's ongoing violations of their permit conditions (attached, please see last months letter by the CA Coastal Commission, enumerating them), include disturbance of harbor seals, plastic waste, eel grass beds, noise, and other issues. Invasive species in the Estero, from importation and growing of non-native oysters and clams, is a serious issue, as is the associated depletion of the ecosystem (plankton) from a proliferation of filter feeders. This highly prized estuary is a wildlife sanctuary for migrating birds, harbor seals, and eel grass -- important habit and nursery for marine life. Also, the Park Service should be encouraged in establishing native oysters, too small for commercial use, that do a better job at filtering. I urge you to help counter the push to commercialize our public treasures. Katherine Da Silva Jain

Correspondence ID: 47483 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Louth, John and Nancy
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.28,2011 23:36:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As lovers of the Pt. Reyes seashore, and total supporters of small businesses, we would like to express our support for a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company. We do stress that we think renewable is very key here as how is the company supposed to invest in sustainable, healthy, green practices if they cannot plan for the long term. We have seen nothing to show us that there are significant environmental effects from allowing this historic small business to remain as part of the west Marin economy. Thank you for considering our comments. John and Nancy Louth

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Name: Perkins, Julie
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Name: Lerer, Sarah Cameron
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 00:03:18
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Correspondence: I am writing to say that I think the National Parks Service should extend the lease of Drake's Bay Oyster Farm.

When the Point Reyes Seashore was first protected by Congress, it was with the understanding that agricultural uses would continue on land private individuals and families would lease back from the Park.

The idea that these uses would continue is why the Seashore was established AS a National Seashore rather than a National Park.

Congressmen who drafted the legislation have made it clear that they intended the oyster farm and other farms within the Seashore boundaries should be allowed to continue.

The Seashore continually points to Drake's Estero as "pristine." Well, it has had an oyster farm in it for a century: how much harm has it caused if the Estero is *STILL* pristine after all these years?

Oysters clean water and eat mammalian waste. How pristine would the Estero be, how much eel grass would be growing so healthily in it, if the oysters weren't there consuming the waste of the seals?

If the oyster farming harms the seals so much, why are they thriving in the Estero even *WITH* the oyster farm continuing?

Take a step back. Continue how people (including you, by the way) need to eat food. Isn't it better for the environment to have it grown locally? To not have it trucked in, burning fossil fuel, and contributing to global climate change?

You have a *FALSE* idea of what the Seashore has been and what it was supposed to be, and what it should be in the future.

I noticed that you did not even *CONSIDER* extending the lease. Why is that?

When you've kicked all the farmers out the the Seashore boundaries, will you still have the chutzpah to call most of the Seashore a "pastoral zone?"

When all the grazed grasslands are gone, and their wildflowers with them, and the birds with the wildflowers, will you finally be happy?

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Name: Kraft, Kathrin
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National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

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Name: Kim-Zeller, Jennifer
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Name: Gerrans, Larry
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Correspondence: Drakes Bay Oyster Farm has a very small footprint on the local environment. There is no justifiable reason to shut it down. The NPS needs to be cautious about dismantling the human assets that respect and work responsibility to protect our ecological treasures.

Drakes Bay Oyster Company & the Lunny Family are the eyes and ears of Drakes Bay. They respect the environment, provide a cultural and ecological experience to families and tourists alike and earn a modest living that supports the local economy in a very meaningful way.

Come on NPS! Let's demonstrate the aptitude to work responsibly and collaboratively to protect the local environment with equality for all its inhabitants.

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Name: Sutura, Michael F

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Correspondence: Support the NO ACTION Alternative. It is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative and would provide for the area to become Wilderness in 2012 as Congress intended since the 1970s. ? The Action Alternatives have significant long-term adverse impacts to the Drakes Estero environment, including to wetlands, birds, fish, harbor seals, native mollusks, endangered species, eelgrass beds and to wilderness and the national park experience. ? The Action Alternatives are a direct attack on the Wilderness Act of 1964, run counter to the 1962 Point Reyes enabling legislation and the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, and set a dangerous precedent for future commercialization of National Parks and Wilderness around the county. ? The oyster operation involves 3,700 motorboat trips per year through harbor seal and eelgrass habitat; promotes the spread of invasive species impacts to native oysters, eelgrass beds, bird, fish and endangered species habitat; and litters remote Point Reyes beaches with thousands of pieces of plastic trash.

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Name: Sherwin, Boyce

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Correspondence: I support the NO ACTION Alternative. It is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative and would provide for the area to become Wilderness in 2012 as Congress intended since the 1970s. ? The Action Alternatives have significant long-term adverse impacts to the Drakes Estero environment, including to wetlands, birds, fish, harbor seals, native mollusks, endangered species, eelgrass beds and to wilderness and the national park experience. ? The Action Alternatives are a direct attack on the Wilderness Act of 1964, run counter to the 1962 Point Reyes enabling legislation and the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, and set a dangerous precedent for future commercialization of National Parks and Wilderness around the county. ? The oyster operation involves 3,700 motorboat trips per year through harbor seal and eelgrass habitat; promotes the spread of invasive species impacts to native oysters, eelgrass beds, bird, fish and endangered species habitat; and litters remote Point Reyes beaches with thousands of pieces of plastic trash.

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Name: Simms, Frida
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 06:07:09
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Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Name: Miller, Pat

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Name: Onizuka, Galen
Outside Organization: GGFA / Johnson Hicks Marine Electronics Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 08:36:45
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Correspondence: Please reevaluate the recomaedations put forward, and come up with a plan that does'nt destroy a family business. In a time of poor economicomy and unemployment you want to destroy a viable family run business. In the past and may be now, who really knows but the decessions have been made on poor, or ficticious information. I am in support of a fair and equitable plan for Drakes Bay Oyster Farm. Thank You Galen Onizuka

Correspondence ID: 47608 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: De Palma, Emily
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 08:37:23
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Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's

only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Name: N/A, Laura
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 08:55:31
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Correspondence: I would like to show my support for Drakes Bay Oyster Company. I believe that sustainably farmed oysters IMPROVE the environment and do not harm it in any way.

Please let them stay open.

Correspondence ID: 47610 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Name: VARLACK, A A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 09:11:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47625 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Nichols, Debra
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the granting of a renewable special use permit for the Drakes Bay Oyster Co. to continue operating

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Correspondence: "None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company."

The oyster farm is a part of history for the community and my family for 4 generations. We settled in the area in the 1800's as Irish immigrants. My great-grandparents raised there clan in Freestone and all my uncles worked in the Dairy's all over Tomalas area. We would take trips to the oyster farm when I was young and get oysters and spend the day as a family enjoying the area and on the way back home stop at Nick's cove for clam chowder and a game of bumper pool. I go back home from time to time and everything is changed in Sonoma Co. and the small part of my childhood memories as wiped clean and I try to explain what it was like to my children but it is hard to invision when there is a shopping mall built over the field that we would play in. The current owners of the Drakes Bay oyster farm have done a great job of being enviromentally friendly and are a vital employer for the area. Please don't shut this part of History down and Nick's cove is no longer the place it was when I was a child what next the Washoe House. Save a part of history and save the Oyster Farm.

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Name: Huffman, Melodie
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For a enviromental science class, I made a visit to both the Pt. Reyes national sea shore headquarters and to the oyster farm. I was deeply moved by the conviction to protect the estero and the habitat buy the owners of the oyster farm.. The national parks information was askew and did not put the blame on the impacts to wildlife where they belong. The habitat is clearly being violated by the kyakers and general public and not the oyster farm iteself(that if handed over to the national parks will only increase). The owners of the oyster farm go to great lengths and take great pride in the heritage of the historical site as well as are very knowledgeable about the ecosystems of the area as well as their part in maintaining its health. The National sea shore representatives provided us with very superficial information that seemed more of a political stance that that of trying to look at the health of the ecosystems in question. I beleive the true solution is to have stricter regulations on the publics access to the area during critical times such a seal pupping season, and that the national parks should regulate the publics access to the area more stringently. I have great faith that the Drakes Bay Oyster company is doing everything possible to protect the ecosystem of the estero and to minimize any an all impact their companys operation may have on it.

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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 10:22:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company." Honorable Senator Feinstein and I think the same about the importance of keeping the Drakes Bay Oyster Farm at the estuary and renewing its lease. I think the NPS should be looking at the whole estuary environment and that would include the Cattle/Dairy farms whose effluents run into the estuary. It is evident that bivalves clean the waters of the world including the estuary. Sincerely, FEFforee

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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 10:23:29
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Drakes Estero is a unique and ecologically significant wildlife area. It is an important stop on the flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals and a critical native fish nursery. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012.

This can only be accomplished by selecting Alternative "A" and ending commercial use of this sensitive wildlife refuge. Alternative A is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience.

Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, and wilderness areas with our parks should not prioritize commercial exploitation. The American public deserves to have this unique marine wilderness protected in a natural state for future generations to enjoy.

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As someone who enjoys our spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

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Name: Peckler, Dacelle
Outside Organization: Sierra club, center for biological diversity and earth justice Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Venus, Tom
Outside Organization: Chico Paddleheads Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I personally, and as President if the Chico Paddleheads (100+ members), We support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47677 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gawley, Kathy
Outside Organization: FALL Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47678 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Foy, Jennifer
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 10:34:00
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Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

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Correspondence: I support the NO ACTION option and encourage the NPS to deny this operation from occurring.

Correspondence ID: 47713 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gawley, Charles S
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 11:34:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do not see anything wrong with this natural use of our ecosystem. The closing of Drakes Bay Oyster Farm would be a shame. The history of this great place would be lost to future generations. I remember my father taking our family here and what a great experience that was. I hope you really think about this decision and its ramifications for the local community. Please Keep Drakes Bay Open! I do support a renewable Special Use Permit for drakes Bay Oyster Company. Thank you for your time.
Charlie Gawley

Correspondence ID: 47714 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Radloff, Lenore
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Sullaway, Darrel E
Outside Organization: tax payer Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 11:36:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Oyster Bay "Farm" in Point Reyes/Drakes Bay is A great addition to the estuary. The farm helps clean the water in the Bay, and produces local sustainable food.

This is no different than the four dairies on the spit of land surrounding the Bay in the Park.

The only suggestion that would make the retail operation better would be to have a retail outlet closer to the main park road. I sincerely hope that the community considers my suggestions, and continue to keep the Drakes Bay Oyster Farm open for the enjoyment of all visitors. Thank you for your help. Darrel Sullaway (916)452-9334

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Name: Antonio, Joseph C
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 11:51:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47735 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bradley, Marlon
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 12:05:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

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Name: Leibowitz, Ruth

Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov.29,2011 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help protect the precious creatures of our world, & the habitats that they rely so much on for their survival. It is so heartbreaking to hear that their future is in question. With all the loss around us in this world already, it breaks all our hearts to hear that more species, & habitats could be lost forever. How can we let this happen? The precious innocent beauty of this world, is what makes our home so special, & we need to take a look around at all what is occurring on our planet, & do all we can to protect our sweet creatures, & the breathtaking habitats that share our world. The planet that God created is so amazing, & we are all God's people, & it should be up to us, & make it our priority, & destiny in life to protect, & respect all God's heartwarming creatures, & breathtaking habitats. Please help protect these creatures, & let them live a safe, happy, & healthy life, for that is all they desire, & long for in life.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Ruth M. Leibowitz 137 Seabreeze Way Keansburg, NJ 07734

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Name: Wilkes, Judith
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 12:09:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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As the earth's people population grows spectacularly, we must save as much wild space as possible. It may soon be too late.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Name: Mount, Joe H
Outside Organization: Retired Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 12:10:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do not believe that the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47755 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sweitzer, Laura A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 12:20:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company. Californians eat lots of Oysters, so removing local options will just cause an increase in oyster imports, which has its own set of negative environmental consequences.

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Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

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Name: Croner, Judith E

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: To the National Park Service and Director Salazar,

I am in favor of the extension of the special use permit of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company. The company employs a trained and valued group of woman and men who take great pride and care in their work.

The oysters that are cultivated, grown and harvested in the estero are an important part of the restaurant offerings both in the Bay Area and beyond. I am delighted and proud of the fact that we have this valuable, longtime resource in our West Marin Community.

The farm does not harm the environment, only enhances it. The Lunnys are great stewards of the estuary and should be allowed to continue.

I hope to see in the near future the extension of the special use permit.

Sincerely, Judith Croner

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Name: Lemay, Casey

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In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

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Name: Hampton, Michelle
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Name: Adamson, Farrow
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 13:09:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable special use permit for drakes bay oyster company .

Correspondence ID: 47793 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Johnston, Gabrielle
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 13:21:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

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Name: Branca, C
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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 13:37:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47818 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Young, Bill
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 13:52:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

I have been a visitor and customer of the "Drakes Bay Oyster Company," formerly "The Johnson Oyster Company," since the mid-fifties when I first came to California after serving in the Navy. Now retired with my wife in Petaluma, we continue to be enthusiastic visitors and customers to this small and well run business that is a well loved tradition in our lives and those of many others who enjoy the beauty of its location, its delectable product and unique and lasting history in what is so recently a national park. The preservation of Drakes Bay Oyster Company within the bounds of the National Park can only add to the

enjoyment of the park experience and adds flavor to a landscape otherwise condemned by its very purity.

Bill Young

Correspondence ID: 47819 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hooper, Karen
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 14:04:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is my hope that the Lunny's continue to operate the Drake's Bay Oyster Company past the proposed lease ending date in 2012. From my perspective they are providing a lot of value to the area. Their stewardship has improved the facility and property. From careful reading of reports, letters to various newspapers and editorials, I am convinced that the Lunny family is sincere in their efforts to keep standards to the highest level. Their operation is off the main road and not visible from the road, so it exists in a visually non-invasive way and does not impair enjoyment when visiting the Point Reyes peninsula. For a commercial venue I find it to be very low impact. As far as its environmental impact I am not convinced that it is detrimental. It appears to be a sustainable way to harvest a very popular product that is vital to the economy of the area, from job creation to tourism. Locally it is very popular to residents as well. I believe that the writers of the original Point Reyes protection plan in no way intended for this business to be phased out.

Correspondence ID: 47820 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Jones, Henry
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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We cannot allow the life on this planet to sustain further damage--no matter the species! I urge you to select alternative 'A' and

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Name: Lund, Karen
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 14:11:43
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Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

Correspondence ID: 47832 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Stoller, Sybil
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 14:20:36
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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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Name: Rheuark, D.

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: I first heard about the closure of Drakes Bay Oyster Co. from a visit after hiking Drakes Estero Trail. I followed up with one of the public comment sessions at the REI in Berkeley. Getting through this tedious and redundant document (government, go figure), was a chore. I understand the original intent, making the Estero a wilderness area due to its apparent uniqueness. I have never supported doing this UNLESS the grandfathered-in cow/cattle operations are included in the designation. I thoroughly enjoy going out to the Estero; it is one of my favorite hikes to get my health back after being sick or injured and not being able to do the over-the-hill hikes from Tennessee Valley to the ocean. What I have never enjoyed are the cows. And getting misrouted after following a cow path instead of any of the other overland paths (and having the fog come in and obliterating any visual landmarks). Besides that, I read repeatedly of the closure of the Estero due to run-off after rains from these cows and their by-products. How much worse do you want this to be after you eliminate one of nature's most efficient cleaners? The die-off from just the added nitrogen from the cow crap that is not cleaned out will be ridiculous. Lastly, the economic effect will include areas far from Marin County. These oysters are sold all over the Bay Area. And I do prefer them over Tomales Bay. BTW how much are the other producers pushing for the closure of Drakes Bay? One less competitor to drive the prices up even more. I don't care for really any of the options that do not allow a renewable lease option. I do agree that any further development be prohibited outside of the NPS picnic/camping/educational programs. In other words, I don't care for any of the Drakes Bay proposals to build new buildings for "education" unless, totally under the auspices of the NPS like the visitors center at Bear Valley. But, I definitely don't want the closure of Drakes Bay Oyster now or in 10 years from now. I would prefer that if you insist on those damnable cows all over the National Recreation area, that you can do to Drakes Bay what you have done with them and grandfather them in to the family, only. Once the Lundy's leave, retire, pass on the company passes with them. Thank you, And I am a member of the Sierra Club, and don't think everything Norman La Force supports is the correct line of action.

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Name: N/A, N/A

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Correspondence: I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative.

Drakes Estero is a unique and ecologically significant wildlife area. It is an important stop on the flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals and a critical native fish nursery. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012.

This can only be accomplished by selecting Alternative "A" and ending commercial use of this sensitive wildlife refuge. Alternative A is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience.

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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47837 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Benane, Barbara
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I fully support Mr. Lunny's continued operation of Drake's Bay Oyster Company past the proposed lease ending date in 2012. I've lived in Marin County off and on since the early 1960's and have been a resident in Inverness since 2003. Drake's Bay Oysters are sustainable, ecologically compatible with the park and the character of West Marin farming. It provides great value both locally through employment and capital expenditures, but also aesthetically as a long time business embedded in the fabric of our community. From my perspective they are providing a lot of value to the area. Their stewardship has improved the facility and property. From careful reading of reports, letters to various newspapers and editorials, I am convinced that the Lunny family is sincere in their efforts to keep standards to the highest level. They have certainly demonstrated that by their time and investment in the business to date. Their operation is off the main road and not visible from the road, so it exists in a visually non-invasive way and does not impair enjoyment when visiting the Point Reyes peninsula. For a commercial venue I find it to be very low impact. As far as its environmental impact I am not convinced that it is detrimental. It appears to be a sustainable way to harvest a very popular product that is vital to the economy of the area, from job creation to tourism. Locally it is very popular to residents as well. I believe that the writers of the original Point Reyes protection plan in no way intended for this business to be phased out.

As a further note, as a scientist and member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), I am very disappointed at the poor quality of some of the technical reports prepared by the National Park Service in an attempt to persuade the public that Drake's Bay Oyster Farm is incompatible with the Point Reyes National Seashore. There is no place for this type of scientific misconduct (and there is no other word to describe these actions and reports) in public debates and it reflects very poorly on the National Park Service.

Correspondence ID: 47856 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Turek, Michael

Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual

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In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

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Name: N/A, N/A

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: I recommend option A for the following reasons.

The property was purchased with the intent of converting it to wilderness when the permits expired. No compelling reason has been provided to proceed with any modification to the intent of this original agreement. Forty years is long enough to complete this transition.

The Drakes Bay Oyster Company was well aware that the existing Reservation of Use and Occupancy (RUO) and SUP would expire on November 30, 2012 when they took over the business. BROCC should have planned accordingly.

There appears to be no benefit afforded to the people of California by extending the permits for ten more years (other than employees of DBOC).

A potential commercial benefit to DBOC does not supersede the contractual agreement to convert the Johnson Oyster Company tract and adjoining Estero to wilderness status as soon as the non conforming use can be eliminated.

"The Park Service is mandated by the Wilderness Act, the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and its Management Policies to convert potential wilderness, i.e., the Johnson Oyster Company tract and adjoining Estero to wilderness status as soon as the non conforming use can be eliminated." The Park Service should hold true to this mandate.

The DBOC appears to currently have violated some aspects of the current permits by having operations outside of the permit boundaries and structures that were not approved.

Correspondence ID: 47858 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lulla, Krista
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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I urge you to return Drakes Estero to all Americans by selecting alternative "A" and ensuring full wilderness protection for Drakes Estero in 2012. It is time to protect Drakes Estero as Congress intended and to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the benefit of people and wildlife.

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Name: Shaw, S.S.
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Shevis, Aron
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Correspondence ID: 47869 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Coogan, Patricia
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 15:11:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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Correspondence ID: 47870 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Shrewbury, Laura
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 15:21:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

Correspondence ID: 47871 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company. Thank you for accepting my comment.

Correspondence ID: 47872 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 15:23:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 47873 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 15:24:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable special use permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47874 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ongaro, Dean m
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 15:35:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The National Seashore is wrong. The oyster farm is part of Marin's history and should stay. Renewal special use permit should be approved fro the Drake Bay oyster co. D

Correspondence ID: 47875 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Barham, Matt
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Naturalist/Environmental Researcher, DENNIS R. NELSON,

Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As an experienced wildlife watcher, avid hiker, and amateur photographer, I have visited Padre Island National Seashore (Texas); Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (In Porter County) along Lake Michigan; DeSoto National Memorial (and Manatee Bay) near Bradenton, Florida; Everglades National Park (and Florida Bay) in South Florida; and Kenai Fjords National Park (Alaska). Drakes Estero is the 'ecological heart' of California's Point Reyes National Seashore, and a "natural treasure" which belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that Drakes Estero would receive "FULL WILDERNESS" protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the National Park Service to honor the "wilderness promise," and protect Drakes Estero for future generations. Drakes Estero is home to roughly 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of Harbor Seals in California--and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl (and dozens of native fish species). Your Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more longer-term harm. Your environmental review also shows that "ALTERNATIVE A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations, and protection of Drakes Estero as "FULL WILDERNESS"--is the environmentally preferred alternative, and the one which is the best in protecting Harbor Seals, birds, fish and other natural resources. I urge you to return Drakes Estero to all Americans by SELECTING "ALTERNATIVE A," AND ENSURING "FULL WILDERNESS" PROTECTION FOR DRAKES ESTERO NEXT YEAR. It is time to protect Drakes Estero as Congress intended, and to create the West Coast's only "marine wilderness" for the benefit of people and wildlife species/populations.

Correspondence ID: 47878 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Miller, Maria
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Anderson, Christy

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Name: Shaver, Janice
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

Correspondence ID: 47888 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Thompson, Lorraine
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 15:41:46
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Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under

widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

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Name: Moore, Douglas G
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 15:56:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sirs, We live in Inverness Park and conduct a family Summer Camp each summer in July. This year I contacted Drakes Bay Oyster Company to see if our 9 grandchildren and their parents (19 of us in total) could tour the Drakes Bay Oyster Company. The person answering the phone asked when would we like to come. I told then a date and time and was told "Great. Ginny will give you a tour". It was that easy. I followed up a month before the appointed time and date and was told. that we were expected.

We arrived and Ginny gave us a most through and enthusiastic tour. She told us about the oyster shells used to receive the oyster seeds, showed us the tank where the seeds were placed and attached to the shells. She showed us how the shells were put on ropes put on racks in Drakes Estero. She showed us how they looked when they were brought in after a year or more in the Bay. We then had a lesson in shucking Oysters and eat some samples.

We were so glad that this wonderful educational resource was available in our national park and we were grateful that it was available to us. My grandchildren ages 4 to 14 talk about the tour and understand that there is a lot of knowledge and work that must go on before one enjoys an oyster.

I hope that this educational resource will remain for others to enjoy and learn from. Douglas and Margaret Moore 415-663-9360

Correspondence ID: 47890 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Vaita, Ramona A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence: I support a renewable special use permit for drakes bay oyster company.

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Name: Stickney, B
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Name: Vaita, Sol

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Name: Goldstein, Diana

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I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West

Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

Correspondence ID: 47905 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McDonough, Brad
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 16:14:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative.

Drakes Estero is a unique and ecologically significant wildlife area. It is an important stop on the flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals and a critical native fish nursery. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012.

This can only be accomplished by selecting Alternative "A" and ending commercial use of this sensitive wildlife refuge. Alternative A is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience.

Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, and wilderness areas with our parks should not prioritize commercial exploitation. The American public deserves to have this unique marine wilderness protected in a natural state for future generations to enjoy.

Drakes Estero is the only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

As someone who enjoys our spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

Correspondence ID: 47906 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: krajewski, thomas j
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 16:23:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My wife and I recently (October) visited our son and daughter-in-law and had the excellent opportunity to visit and enjoy the oysters at DRAKES BAY OYSTERS. An absolutely wonderful experience for us being.... from the New England area (CT).....

My Question: WHY would you even consider not allowing this great tourist attraction to continue to exist in that area?..... That specific "Drakes business" brings tourists, like my wife and I, to that attraction is represents the "ideal situation" for both California and it's government.... and "TOURISTS"..... like me and my wife

Correspondence ID: 47907 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: craig. gibson A
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 16:36:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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I urge you to return Drakes Estero to all Americans by selecting alternative "A" and ensuring full wilderness protection for Drakes Estero in 2012. It is time to protect Drakes Estero as Congress intended and to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the benefit of people and wildlife.

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Name: Cameron, Denise
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: DiGiacomo, Alexandra
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Kelly, Brian
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 16:36:18
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Name: Iversen, Sheryl
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Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Mellom, Carol
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 47918 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Johnson, Roy B
Outside Organization: NRA Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 16:37:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company

Correspondence ID: 47919 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wilkerson, Kriste
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 16:38:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 47920 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Daniels, Carol
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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I know Point Reyes, because I have family in the area. It remains a very special place simply because it has been protected. Please, let us not start an insidious lowering of our protections here or in any other area so needed by our birds and beasts and fish and people.

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Correspondence ID:	47921	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	James, Douglas W				
Outside Organization:	After 32 yrs I dropped the Sierra Club! Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Nov,29,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	The purpose of this letter is to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit. I am strongly in favor of keeping the Drakes Bay Oyster Company (DBOC) in its present location on Drakes Estero. I strongly urge the Secretary of the Interior to renew the SUP for a period of 10 years under Alternative D (Expanded Onshore Development) AND carry forward existing SUP renewal rights such that DBOC will remain in business beyond 2022. Public Law 111-88; Section 124 gives the Secretary of the Interior discretionary authority to renew the SUP for a period of 10 years. Section 124 DOES NOT give the Secretary the authority to delete renewal rights that DBOC retains as part of its current SUP.				

I would also like to see DBOC expanded to offer park visitors a place to learn about this important source of local, sustainable and tasty protein. I am strongly in favor of the following Alternative that has been circulating among people that support the continued existence of the oyster farm:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DRAKES BAY OYSTER COMPANY MARIN COUNTY, POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE

PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE: A Ten-Year Special Use Permit with Option for Extension; Rehabilitation of Existing Facilities, and Construction of New Processing Facilities

This proposed alternative maximizes protection of natural, cultural, historical and economic resources and supports a park facility and landscape that is both ecologically and economically sustainable. It continues the National Park Service's cooperative relationship with the California Department of Fish and Game, which leases for shellfish cultivation the bottom lands in Drakes Estero that are designated "potential wilderness". It builds on the National Research Council's proposal for a "collaborative research center." This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including school children, seniors and other visitors, and students and researchers who study subjects relating to estuarine ecology, aquaculture and mariculture. It supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide 85% of the San Francisco Bay Area's sustainably farmed shellfish. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for farm workers on remote Point Reyes ranches, many of whom are members of the families employed at the oyster farm.

Under this alternative, the Seashore would integrate natural and cultural resource management to better identify and understand the various connections and relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining the area's distinctive "sense of place and character". This approach builds on a growing movement of conservation scholars and practitioners to provide leadership in exploring integrated methods of landscape stewardship. It would also provide synergistic support for efforts to enhance and strengthen a local, sustainable agricultural community, including the work of the Marin Agricultural Land Trust and Marin Organic, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, UC Cooperative Extension and the Marin Resource Conservation District.

Under this alternative, the Seashore would support, in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Game, efforts to restore native oysters to Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global warming now beginning to effect the non-native species currently raised in the tidelands off the Marin and Sonoma County coasts.

In addition to opportunities for school tours, internships, and scientific studies, signage and other educational materials about mariculture, augmented with oral presentations by trained oyster farm staff, would provide the framework for a model National Park Service educational facility built around the oyster farm and the State of California's maricultural resources. In cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game, marine research opportunities would be created to increase understanding and better protect all of the ocean environment that surrounds the Seashore as we approach the NPS Centennial in 2016.

Under this alternative, the oyster farm, a critical component of California's sustainable seafood production infrastructure, would be preserved, enhancing the resilience of the local food production system, and strengthening local and regional food security. This alternative would avoid further aggravating the US national seafood deficit and could, through research opportunities presented by this alternative, result in a decrease in that deficit. This alternative would also avoid significant increases in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with the long distance transport of alternative shellfish resources and avoid GHG emissions from alternative, less carbon efficient sources of protein.

Under this alternative, DBOC would continue to provide essential oyster shell to the San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Project, the SF Bay Bird Observatory Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement Project and the California Department of Fish and Game Least Tern Habitat Enhancement Project.

In conclusion the SUP for DBOC should be renewed for a period of 10 years with the right of future renewals beyond 2022. The EIS currently under consideration is irrelevant to the central issue: DBOC retains the right of renewal in its current SUP. I strongly support the Alternative described above which continues and expands PRNS collaboration with California Dept of Fish and Game and makes possible many environmental and economic benefits.

Sincerely, Douglas W. James Ph.D.

Correspondence ID: 47922 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McDonough, Brad
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 16:41:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

Correspondence ID: 47923 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hirsch, Harriet
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 16:42:13
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Name: Applebaum, Sandra
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 16:50:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

Correspondence ID: 47925 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 16:54:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I go to the Drakes Bay Oyster farm every year. The place and the experience are both very special to me. Please, keep it open.

Correspondence ID: 47926 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lublin, Jill
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47927 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Shaub, George
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 47936 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Salas, Jan

Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,29,2011 17:08:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

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Name: Gawley, Christine D

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47938 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Savage, Kathryn
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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Correspondence ID: 47939 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Halizak, Kimberly Anne
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 17:21:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

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Name: Sullivan, John W
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 17:22:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to express my frustration with the NPS. None of the options you propose is acceptable for Drakes Bay Oyster Farm. I add my voice to those who are encouraging you to offer the Lunny Family a renewable special use permit to continue their oyster farm.

It is ironic that you put up so many hurdles to a family-owned and operated business, especially when examples of public/private cooperation exist not 50 miles away in San Francisco's Presidio. What disconnect exists here in NPS planning not to see the advantages of this oyster farm? I believe you are beholden to radical environmentalists and political pressure, which is inappropriate to the NPS mission of providing enlightened access to all of America's park resources.

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Name: Rehn, Debra
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Name: Pham, Hugh C

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: None of the alternatives offered by NPS are viable to the Oyster Farm. I suggest a compromise. A renewable Permit.

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Name: Walden, Ariel

Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

National Parks and wilderness areas are treasured by the majority of Americans and are for the public interest, not for private commercial exploitation. By protecting wilderness, the National Park Service will set a positive policy example while commercializing it will set a negative example and help others seek their special exemptions from national park laws.

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Name: Bailly, Annie

Outside Organization: Concerned citizen Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company."

1. All proposed alternatives put the oyster farm out of business - NPS should create a new alternative that supports oyster farming and maintains the renewal option. While the NEPA process mandates the consideration of a "no-action alternative," there are no alternatives here that qualify as "no-action." Alternative A forces DBOC out of business next year and the other alternatives shut DBOC down in ten years. The draft EIS fails to provide a valid status-quo baseline, which would include a lease with a renewal option. A new set of alternatives must be created that meet the actual criteria for this process.

2. NPS should support a renewable permit. Please support the issuance of a renewable permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company. DBOC must be allowed to continue the existing uses pursuant to the existing California Department of Fish and Game leases in place since 1934.

3. NPS should adhere to its existing management policies, which support the continuation of the oyster farm. The current NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes National Seashore, adopted in 1980, supports the continued operation of the oyster farm, as do all of the relevant Marin County planning documents. The draft EIS does not include justification for the decision to

overturn the existing General Management Plan and Marin County's planning processes. The failure to address these issues is unacceptable.

4. NPS must consider the environmental benefits of the oyster farm and correct the misrepresentations. PRNS has misrepresented the facts about the environmental benefits of oyster farming. The draft EIS misrepresents those facts again, calling the removal of the oyster farm the "environmentally preferable" alternative. This fails to address the important ecological services provided by oysters, including filtering water. It also fails to address the environmental impacts of replacing a local, sustainable food source with the alternative of importing oysters in order to meet the current demand. The nation currently suffers a \$10 billion seafood deficit; any loss in domestic production correlates to an increase in international imports. Comparisons of the carbon footprint of the existing food source with the replacement food source must be analyzed in the EIS.

5. NPS must fully address the economic impacts of the oyster farm - the draft study fails to provide a complete analysis. The draft EIS mentions that removing the oyster farm would cause "major, long-term, adverse effects to the California shellfish market" but does not provide a complete analysis of these impacts, nor does it include these impacts in the overall analysis. Further, it does not analyze the impacts of eliminating one of the largest employers in West Marin County and the last remaining oyster cannery in California. The EIS must address the economic impacts of eliminating the production of nearly 40% of California's oysters and the subsequent impact on the economy.

6. NPS must fully address the socioeconomic impact of the oyster farm - this draft study section should be reformulated to address impacts on West Marin itself. The discussion of the socioeconomic impact of the alternatives is seriously flawed. Different geographic parameters are used throughout that chapter seemingly at random, switching from Inverness proper, to greater West Marin, to Marin, to multi-county, to statewide, to nationwide. This switching of parameters is used to argue that the job losses caused by shutting down the oyster farm would be minimal. Considered properly, in the context of West Marin, these job losses would be anything but minimal, as DBOC is one of the largest employers in the area. This section should be reformulated and corrected for the EIS.

7. NPS must fully address the historical cultural role of oyster farming in Drakes Estero - the draft study is inadequate. The EIS should assess the cultural impacts of eliminating an institution that has been in operation for generations and that is important to park visitors, local restaurants, and the local foodshed.

8. NPS must properly assess impacts (both actual and potential) on wildlife - the draft study makes claims of harm based on weak or non-existent evidence. The draft EIS claims that removing the oyster farm would benefit harbor seals; that claim is not supported by science. This issue has been reviewed by various agencies and individuals, including the National Academy of Sciences and many prominent scientists, with the conclusion that the impact of the oyster farm on the harbor seals cannot be determined. What is known, however, is that Drakes Estero is currently home to one of the largest harbor seal populations on the California coast and that the population seems to be stable.

The draft EIS also includes a tremendous amount of discussion about special-status species and concludes that the oyster farm has or could have a negative impact on these species - yet most of the species mentioned in the report don't even exist in the estero (plovers, terns, red-legged frogs, and leatherback turtles). The final EIS should reconsider all wildlife issues and provide a data-based assessment. 9. NPS must address the oyster farm's contributions to local habitat restoration and endangered bird restoration efforts - the draft study ignores these restoration services provided by the oyster farm. The oyster shell byproduct from the Drakes Bay Oyster Farm cannery is a critical resource for re-establishing native oyster beds and for restoring Least Tern and Snowy Plover habitat, both in the San Francisco Bay. The California Least Tern is a U.S. federally listed endangered species and the Snowy Plover is in decline due to habitat loss. These two restoration projects have relied very heavily on the philanthropic contributions of Drakes Bay Oyster Company and it is unlikely these projects would continue if shell were to be sourced out of state. The draft EIS does not address the impacts to wildlife or the environmental issues surrounding the loss of these restoration efforts.

10. NPS must address national aquaculture policies when considering the oyster farm - the draft study does not discuss the various government and private efforts to encourage shellfish aquaculture around the country and around the world. Shellfish aquaculture is widely recognized nationally and globally as having a valuable role in the protection of wild fish resources. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is encouraging aquaculture for this and many other reasons. The EIS should take these policies into account.

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Name: Barry, John O
Outside Organization: Tax Payer, and concerned Citizen Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 18:09:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'd like to say, I'm for closing the Drakes Bay Oyster Company. I'm not sure why this is even being debated. I'm sure when the new owner, who purchased the Oyster Company from the Johnson's was informed the property would revert back to wilderness

in 2012, if not, shame on his realtor.

Signed, John Barry

Correspondence ID: 47964 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Andrews, John
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.29,2011 18:30:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been a life member of the Sierra Club for over 50 years and I disagree with their position to withhold a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Co. I believe that the draft EIS does not support justification for overturning the existing General Management Plan and Marin Co. planning processes. None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate, and I support a renewable Special Use Permit for the Drakes Bay Oyster Co. The Oyster operation is a great addition to the Park and not only supporting employment but it has been enjoyed by my family and by thousands of others over the years.

Correspondence ID: 47965 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ladner, Diane
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In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

Your approval of the proposal to extend the oyster company's permit would be contrary to the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and would establish a dangerous precedent at a time when America's public lands and environmental laws are already under widespread attacks in Congress and elsewhere.

We've been waiting long enough. It is time to allow that permit to expire and to honor Congress' commitment. We want our bay back.

Correspondence ID: 47974 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sickenberger, Karen
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 18:49:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company."

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Name: Sickenberger, Bob
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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 19:04:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 47977 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Owens, Carly Clements
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 19:06:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Callas, Gail J
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Name: Fitzgerald, R.
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Smotherman, Cathy
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please put the well being of this Earth and the creatures that live on it ahead of anybody's bottom line. People must learn to live in ways that respect all other species - or they will destroy their world and deserve to perish along with it.

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Name: Pizzo, Bryna
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 19:38:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Name: Clipka, Mike
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Carter, Kent
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,29,2011 19:46:51

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Correspondence: I support a RENEWABLE Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 47999 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Quinby, Amanda S
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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