
Correspondence ID: 2800 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A
Address: [REDACTED]

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

I agree with all of the above points but most especially the point that private commercial companies should not profit at the expense of the national parks, i.e., the American people. Especially extractive activities like oystering in what should be a wilderness area.

Correspondence ID: 2801 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A
Address: [REDACTED]

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 08:54:06

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Correspondence: Please let the commercial contract expire as previously set out; the park should be wilderness, not a cultivation zone for commercial profit.

Correspondence ID: 2802 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Nieland, Thomas
Address: [REDACTED]

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2803 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Roeper, Nancy
Address: [REDACTED]

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 09:18:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent:

As you prepare the Environmental Impact Statement regarding whether to allow a commercial oyster business to operate for an additional ten years within Drakes Estero potential wilderness, please consider the legislation that established the Pt. Reyes wilderness and the Drakes Estero potential wilderness, the value of coastal wilderness, the almost-guaranteed greater pressure you will face in an additional 10 years to again allow an extension of a commercial operation, and the precedent-setting nature of a decision to continue to allow commercial oystering in the potential wilderness.

Congress designated Drakes Estero as potential wilderness in the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. The 1976 Act only designated about 35% of the park (25,000 acres) as wilderness protections and over 8,000 acres were designated as potential wilderness due to existing uses such as the commercial oyster operation. The Congressional record clearly reflects Congress' intent that the Estero's potential wilderness areas would receive full wilderness designation and protection once Johnson's operating rights expired in 2012. There was plenty of time for everyone to prepare for the cessation of the commercial operation; no one should be allowed to claim it will be an economic hardship for a company that couldn't. If 36 years were not sufficient to plan for an end to the commercial operation, what could possibly be accomplished in another 10 years?

In a time of increased global climate change and loss of biodiversity, what should be considered more important: a commercial oyster operation or coastal wilderness, untrammled and natural (or at least capable of some amount of restoration)? Designated wilderness is a rare resource along the Pacific coast of the continental U.S. Our oceans are losing species diversity, acidifying due to climate change, and otherwise being degraded by multiple uses. This is a perfect opportunity to protect another small portion of the park for future generations.

As pressure increases to develop wind farms and other forms of alternative energy, as pressure mounts to increase aquaculture as we continue to degrade natural ocean and coastal ecosystems, as economic interests have an additional 10 years to become further entrenched, a decision to extend the Special Use Permit for the commercial operation for another 10 years would be a sham. It would essentially mean that the NPS will continue to allow the commercial operation for decades to come.

Finally, if commercial interests succeed in extending their influence over park management, I fear what a decision to allow continue commercial enterprise in potential wilderness will mean for the other federal wilderness-managing agencies. This could result in pressure, for example, on Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge in Massachusetts to continue to allow commercial clamming in the designated wilderness of the refuge. Surely, in order to allow the continuation of the oystering, the NPS will have to make some sort of finding that the commercial oystering is not affecting the natural processes of the marine ecosystem of the park. That will give further ammunition to commercial interests in other parks, refuges, forests, and public lands who claim that

their activities are not harming the native ecosystems.

Please end commercial enterprise in the potential wilderness of Pt. Reyes National Seashore and allow it to become designated wilderness, as was intended since 1976.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Nancy Roeper

Correspondence ID: 2804 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Lillak, Tania L
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.07,2010 09:23:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect this land from oystering. Parks should be for people and wildlife, not private profit.

Correspondence ID: 2805 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Messing, Mark M
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association. Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Re: Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit

The top priorities in decision making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources. The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use.

Thanks for your consideration. Mark Messing

Correspondence ID: 2806 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Rinker, Robert
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.07,2010 09:46:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I used to live in California and have been to Point Reyes on many occasions. It is a magnificent natural attraction that should not be commercialized in any way.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 2807 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Blume, Gerald and Louise Rose
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: NPCA Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.07,2010 09:58:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The National Parks and Forests are a treasure and an asset for the United States. We must not allow them to become eroded and despoiled for commercial profits. My family has enjoyed visiting and enjoying a goodly number of them and it is always an uplifting and relaxing experience for us and, I would venture to say, that our stays in the Parks have made our family closer for it.

Correspondence ID: 2808 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Zumeta, Benjamin O
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: NPCA Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov.07,2010 10:14:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern,

I write to strongly support the protection of marine wilderness around Point Reyes National Seashore. These areas and their protection as wild places are integrally tied to the well being of the people who enjoy using the area sustainably for recreation as well as for the wildlife depending on the area for survival. Commercial interests have an immense amount of space to exploit and the continued protection of one of the few places to have escaped such exploitation is not a large concession to ask. Thank you for your support and protection of wild coastline.

Sincerely, Ben Zumeta

Correspondence ID: 2809 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Rivera-Shapiro, Mirian
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association. Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 10:35:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the only marine wilderness on the West Coast. At stake is the future of the Drakes Estero, an estuary within California's Point Reyes National Seashore that is considered the ecological heart of the park. The estuary is on track to receive full wilderness designation in 2012. Please do not allow an oyster company to extend its operating permit, contrary to longstanding wilderness plans. Do not let a corporation's money sway you.

Sincerely,

Mirian Rivera-Shapiro

Correspondence ID: 2810 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Fast, Wendy
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: none Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 10:38:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep our parks for the people The land was never set aside for businesses to make money from. My grandchildren and yours deserve to benefit from the foresight of those who set them aside for their uniqueness and beauty. These lands deserve our protection, not exploitation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, Wendy Fast

Correspondence ID: 2811 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 10:41:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The National Park Service should protect Drakes Estero, an estuary within California's Point Reyes National Seashore that is considered the ecological heart of the park. Our natural resources should be protected for the public and for future generations. They should not be turned over to corporate interests for short-term commercial profits. The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2812 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Jones, Laura A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: NPCA Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear PEPC

I am writing this letter to urge you to keep Drakes Estero a full wilderness area not allow any commercial interests of any kind and promote it to full wilderness status.

The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources

I feel that the top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act.

The national parks are for the people, not for private profit.

Thank-You

Laura Jones

Correspondence ID: 2813 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Mayer, Glenna L
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 10:50:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The National Parks have been set aside in order for them to not be built upon, in order for them to stay natural. We have got to stop building private buildings and private enterprises on National Park land. It is not fulfilling to the purpose for which they were created. Please, stop this building plan.

Correspondence ID: 2814 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Tomassi, Jennifer
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 10:51:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Thank you, Jennifer

Correspondence ID: 2815 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: fazzari, angela m
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wild and nature estuaries should only be used for wildlife and tourism, not to be ruined and exploited for commercial purposes. The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 2816 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Bishop, Melissa
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act.

--The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use.

--The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. That is why they were established in the first place - they must remain FOR THE PEOPLE!

--The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Why even bother to have national parks at all if we are just going to open them all up to commercial development??

SAVE OUR PARKS - PLEASE!

Correspondence ID: 2817 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Berg, Peter
Address: [REDACTED]

USA
Unaffiliated Individual

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 11:05:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I wanted to comment about the use of the Point Reyes National Seashore. I really don't think we should allow commercial oyster farmers the use of the land. We don't let fur traders come into Yosemite and kill/sell the animals there (thank goodness!). I think the top priority should be to provide maximum protection to the wilderness and give full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act.

I really think we need to reduce the commercial private use of our special national places. There is research that says there can be real and adverse impacts from commercial oyster operations. I ask that you protect the land and eliminate any commercial contracts that allow hunting and to not allow private profit operations to continue on our public lands.

thank you, Peter Berg

Correspondence ID: 2818 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 11:18:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS, While I live on the east coast, I have been rewarded with the unique experience of the wilderness at Point Reyes. The long-standing (i.e., 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act) wilderness designation vision must have higher priority than commercial private use.

Thanks for you consideration of the public interest in protecting wilderness locations.

Correspondence ID: 2819 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Mutascio, Bob

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 11:21:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Commercial exploitation of public lands is not in the best interests of our future and of our children. Once the lands are gone, they can never come back as pristine as they should be.

Correspondence ID: 2820 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Allen, Connie A

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: National Parks and Conservation Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 11:33:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Point Reyes National Seashore is one of the most beautiful places on earth, and we've enjoyed visiting it on several vacations. We have particularly fond memories of seeing whale migrations offshore and sea otters closer in. Please protect the natural wildness of this area by not allowing any type of commercial exploitation of its resources either onshore or offshore.

Correspondence ID: 2821 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly believe in the points listed below and hope you will take them into serious consideration: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2822 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Lulias, Eva
Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: California's Point Reyes National Seashore is the only marine wilderness on the west coast.--The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act.

California has long been an advocate for setting standards to protect our environment. One would hope that those standards would be reflected in the National Parks System. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use.

I hope that upon retirement that I will be able to travel this great country and enjoy the beauty of all our national parks without the sell out to commercial use.

--The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2823 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Ball, Armand B
Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why should the National Park Service allow a private for-profit entity to establish its business in the only marine wilderness on the entire west coast of our country.

Point Reyes was established as a wilderness in 1976. Why 35 years later we should suddenly allow a business into it is beyond my understanding. The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use.

The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. In addition peer-reviewed research indicates there are potential adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

I have always understood that the national parks are for the people, not for private profit. Please do not reverse this pattern.

Thank you for your consideration.

Armand Ball

Correspondence ID: 2824 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Biery, Boni
Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 11:37:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am troubled to learn Point Reyes is being considered for commercial use. When will our country learn that the environment is not for sale? Oyster farming in this pristine area flies in the face of 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. I encourage you to carefully study peer-reviewed research that details just what a commercial oyster operation in this area would do.

This area is under protection for the people and wildlife of both today and the future, not for a few to profit by despoiling the ecosystem and then leaving a mess for future taxpayers to try and restore. It will cost nothing to leave the area as it is today. It is why this area should be kept free of all commercial enterprises.

Correspondence ID: 2825 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 11:38:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The proposed wilderness designation of the Drakes Estero estuary in California needs to be honored as such, not degraded. Our world needs all the

wilderness-quality estuaries it can get. If anything, we need to reclaim areas and return them to a pristine condition in order to keep up the quality of the oceans. Please don't let any commercial operations into this proposed wilderness. If you let one in, it only invites more, and then there's no real wilderness-quality estuary left is there? Stand up and protect our oceans by protecting the estuaries. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2826 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Greising, Kate J

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 11:39:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have visited Point Reyes National Seashore several times and have taken one of my daughters there as well. It's a beautiful area that is enjoyed by many visitors every year.

Please keep this area a pristine as possible and open for all of us to enjoy and for wildlife and shoreline to thrive.

This National Seashore has been designated for that purpose, not for private economic gain. I hope you will continue to keep it that way.

Correspondence ID: 2827 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Homernik, Sharon A

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect Drakes Estero in California's Point Reyes National Seashore. Our National Parks should be kept for the people. They should not be for private profit. It needs to be protected for the enjoyment of future generations, and to protect the wildlife. It needs full wilderness designation.

--The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2828 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Zurcher, Naomi

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 12:02:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a forestry professional and a concerned citizen, I am writing to comment on the potential issuance of a Special Use Permit for commercial oyster operations within Drakes Estero at Point Reyes National Seashore.

My understanding of National Park designation is that it is land that has been set aside as Parkland - land that can be used for recreation that is sensitive to wilderness protection. That protection does not include private commercial use or resource extraction. In addition, NPS is fully aware of the potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

I therefore request that the National Park Service give full priority to the long-standing wilderness designation vision which would and should preclude commercial use within the estuary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important environmental issue.

Correspondence ID: 2829 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Herink, Marv A

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: human being Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 12:06:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My simple comment is this: can't we leave any areas of open nature alone?! Do we have to cover every inch with concrete and asphalt? I would like my Grandchildren be able to see a little of the world that I grew up in. Not spoiled by greed of developers.

Correspondence ID: 2830 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: [REDACTED]

USA
Unaffiliated Individual

Organization:
Received: Nov.07.2010 00:00:00
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Correspondence: The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Drakes Estero, the West Coast's only marine wilderness, needs to be maintained as a place where people can go to be alone with nature; not a place of commerce. I hope you will continue to keep Point Reyes National Seashore such a refuge for those of us here now and generations yet unborn.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Boor

Correspondence ID: 2831 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov.07.2010 12:16:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I don't think the lease for the oyster company should be extended. I believe that the Drake's estero should be wilderness now.

Thank you.

Sam Anderson

Correspondence ID: 2832 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Wire, M

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2833 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Castillo, Claudia

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov.07.2010 12:24:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2834 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Stein, Carl

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov.07.2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Drake's Estero in Point Reyes National Seashore deserves wilderness protection. National park wilderness is for wildlife and public enjoyment, not private commercial use. No oyster company or other private enterprise should be allowed to continue to operate at Drake's Estero unless its operation furthers the wilderness designation.

The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2835 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Cadwallader, Mr. & Mrs. Terry D
Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The National Park Service must protect the only marine wilderness(Drakes Estero) on the West Coast and not allow commercial use by an oyster company. At stake is the future of Drakes Estero, an estuary within California's Point Reyes National Seashore that is considered the ecological heart of the park. The estuary is on track to receive full wilderness designation in 2012.

--The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

National park wilderness is for wildlife and public enjoyment, not private commercial use.

Correspondence ID: 2836 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 12:53:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect the only marine wilderness on the West Coast and not give it to commercial use.

Correspondence ID: 2837 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Shahbegian, Floss

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 13:05:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2838 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Sklensky, Diane E

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Girl Scouts of America Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 13:06:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Commercial use of Pt. Reyes? I am appalled. As a National Seashore, Pt. Reyes should be for recreation and education that promote and preserve the health of the landscape, not for any other purpose.

Pt. Reyes was one of the cherished trips of my Girl Scout troop when I was growing up in California. We would camp and backpack there, enjoying the late-spring flora and the general gorgeousness (it was usually the last regular-season trip before the summer 50-miler in the Sierras). In a state like California, there is not enough wilderness and far too much commercial exploitation of land for the health of its people, especially youth.

Please choose options that retain the non-commercial uses of Pt. Reyes for the people of California and the world who visit to enjoy and learn from its extraordinary natural beauty.

Diane Sklensky

Correspondence ID: 2839 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Brady, Kevin T

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 13:09:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS, I address this to the National PARK Service, not the National Business Development Service. As my and the rest of the nations advocate for our national parks I expect one thing. The protection of all our parks and wilderness areas. I hope that all decisions in this matter are made with the sole consideration of what is best for the wilderness itself. I believe with all my heart that the protection of our land and seas and the natural resources within them will benefit mankind not just in the short term, but lead to better life and opportunity in the future as well. Please use all the best available science that you currently have at your disposal and decide wisely. Thank you, Kevin Brady

Correspondence ID: 2840 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Pieper, Dolores A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: NPS Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 13:12:25
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Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2841 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: OMeara Dietrich, Chris
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 13:21:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge the National Parks Service to protect the Drakes Estero and Point Reyes by choosing wilderness designation and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act.

Created for the wild life that depends on this sanctuary and the American people including generations to come, the park was never intended for commercial enterprises and private profit.

Considering the peer-reviewed research that concludes both real and potential adverse impacts on wilderness resources from the proposed oyster operation, it is time to say no and follow the wilderness vision.

Correspondence ID: 2842 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: McGlone, Colleen
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 13:28:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect our National Parks and Monuments. It is important that everyone be able to enjoy them now while preserving them for our future generations. It is so difficult today to have our youngest Americans understand how our country got to be great with having these few resources left. If we are allowed to pollute (including noise pollutions) and otherwise destroy these treasures there is no hope.

Correspondence ID: 2843 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Henry, Mallika
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero, an estuary within California's Point Reyes National Seashore, is considered the ecological heart of the park. This magnificent seashore is a national treasure. The estuary should receive full wilderness designation in 2012. Our National Parks are for wildlife and nature's beauty. Therefore the top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. The long-standing wilderness designation should definitely take priority over commercial private use. National Parks were established specifically for public enjoyment and NOT for profit. Furthermore, The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2844 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Houle, Catherine C
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 13:39:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2845 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Wilsam, Linda
Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Thank you for taking the time to speak up for Drakes Estero, the West Coast's only marine wilderness. Together we are making a difference for wildlife and visitors of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 2846 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 14:29:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Quite simply, commercial interests and activities should not be allowed in our National Parks. These places were designated to be set aside from development in the first place and are special because of their extraordinary natural beauty, ecosystem qualities, etc. To let oyster farming take place there could be to open the area for other commercial interests and to despoil the special qualities of this pristine seashore.

In this crowded, polluted world will there be no sacred places left? Will there be no place with only the sounds of the natural environment as it was before human made detritus invaded? Will there be places where we humans can connect with our natural world?

Most people of today have no idea what it is to be connected to the natural systems of nature which sustains all humankind. The invasion of technological devices and commercialism have taken over our consciousness. If we have no opportunity to experience nature in its original and raw form without the invasion of commerce and human made detritus, people forget its importance to our survival.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 2847 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Lewis, Lori C
Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I grew up on the east coast near Assateague Md, and I love oysters, but I also treasure the seashore and believe in it's need to be protected. The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. Many years did I enjoy visiting the Assateague and Chincoteague National Seashore parks, as well as other National Parks with my family both as a child, and with my own children. I want Point Reyes and other wilderness areas protected for future generations of family enjoyment. So I ask that the NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2848 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Nevins, Mary F
Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 14:35:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2849 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 14:39:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not allow commercialization of our park system, or exploitation of raw material and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 2850 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Tyroler, S.
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: environmental defense Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 14:57:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep the last of the marine sanctuaries wild. We live in the central coast of CA. Commercial fishing has wiped out many large populations of fish & other species. We have made a mess of an area we can not "manage."

Correspondence ID: 2851 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Rathod, Madhavi
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 15:04:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2852 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: tuite, denise a
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 15:11:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2853 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Fithian, Charles H
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 15:13:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2854 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Dreher, Janet
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: NPCA Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 15:16:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2855 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Mendelson, Robert H
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 15:24:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I enjoy the Estuary the way it is. Enough of our land is gone. Its the right thing to do. Leave it the way it is. The fish and animals and little critters will thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2856 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Marceau, Cheryl A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act.

The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use.

The national parks are for the people, not for private profit.

The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2857 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Johnston, Bob
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 15:29:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2858 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Zimmerman, Tracev A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 15:34:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2859 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Hicks, Jeffrey A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 15:37:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let's keep our National parks free of commercial other than minimally invasive service to the touring public.

Jeffrey A Hicks, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2860 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Frachtman, Brianna
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 15:47:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2861 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: N/A, Lynn
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Pt. Reyes National Seashore Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 16:03:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do not see a more environmentally sensitive use for this area than an oyster farm.

This use can provide excellent stewardship of the traditional resources of the area.

Correspondence ID: 2862 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Irving, Judy
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 16:08:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Point Reyes National Seashore should be restored, as much as possible, to wilderness, so that the public can experience the peace and sustenance that wilderness provides. It is not the right place for a commercial business. Most of us live in cities, and we need places that are natural, quiet, beautiful, and undisturbed. It helps balance urban life. I've been in the estero (hiking and in a kayak), and the sight of those oyster beds always reminds me of "business," not something I want to think about when I'm out there. Please place a high priority on "wilderness values" as you prepare your EIR alternatives. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2863 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Schwenk, Kurt W
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 16:12:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2864 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Able, Kenneth P

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: NPCA Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 16:14:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The first priority mandate of the NPS is to preserve and protect the resources under its care for all time. That mandate supercedes park visitor experience, all commercial interests, everything else. This portion of Pt. Reyes was, by law, destined to become a wilderness area. Commercial activities of any kind are not compatible with that designation, as you well know. Oyster farming sounds relatively innocuous, but impact analyses suggest a number of consequences that would be detrimental to the natural resources of the area, a violation of the "protect and preserve" mandate. This is a bad idea and should not be permitted in the Drakes Estero.

Correspondence ID: 2865 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Able, Kenneth P

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: NPCA Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The first priority mandate of the NPS is to preserve and protect the resources under its care for all time. That mandate supercedes park visitor experience, all commercial interests, everything else. This portion of Pt. Reyes was, by law, destined to become a wilderness area. Commercial activities of any kind are not compatible with that designation, as you well know. Oyster farming sounds relatively innocuous, but impact analyses suggest a number of consequences that would be detrimental to the natural resources of the area, a violation of the "protect and preserve" mandate. This is a bad idea and should not be permitted in the Drakes Estero.

Correspondence ID: 2866 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: lefevre, frank

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: nps Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 16:23:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I love Point Reyes and I have been going there for over 30 years and I would like to see Drakes Estero an estuary be part of the wilderness area. The oyster company had time and still has time to find another place to do bussiness. Thank you, FLeFevre

Correspondence ID: 2867 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: MacDougall, Mike

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 16:25:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2868 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Reynolds, Patricia C

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 16:42:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Preserve the land!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

No need to oyster it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 2869 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Sarcone, Mark

Address: [REDACTED]

USA

Unaffiliated Individual

Organization:

Received: Nov.07.2010 16:49:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2870 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Kline, Steven B

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Bird River Beach Comm. Asso. Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov.07.2010 16:55:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A Sanctuary means no commercial usage at all.

Correspondence ID: 2871 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov.07.2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider the following regarding Drakes Estero:

--The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Thank You,

Allyson Frye-Henderson

Correspondence ID: 2872 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Movlan, Wendy

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov.07.2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. The country has abundant private land, as well as public land that is open to commercial pursuits, such as state forests.

I have visited Point Reyes, and I hope you will keep it protected under the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act.

The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources.

The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use.

The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Thank you for your attention.

Correspondence ID: 2873 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Mendelson, Marion -

Address: [REDACTED]
USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov.07.2010 17:27:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Type:

Correspondence: I have always appreciated California's interest in keeping coastal areas accessible to all people (except, of course, properties grandfathered prior to the passing of such legislation.) This, coupled with the NPS stewardship of the Point Reyes area, certainly assured our citizens that those lands would be public. This granted access to all, and protection for our wildlife.

Please consider the wishes of the people, and the continuing protection of this great natural area.

Sincerely, Marion Mendelson

Correspondence ID: 2874 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A

Address:

USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 17:38:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: 1. The EIS should examine a scenario whereby the Oyster Company permit is extended only until 2012 as originally provided for. This should be the "No Action Alternative". The level of improvements to the area should conform to what is reasonable given the limited amount of time remaining and the need to restore the area when the permit expires.

2. Public Law 111-888, Section 124 specifically states "nor shall anything in this section be cited as precedent for management of any potential wilderness OUTSIDE THE SEASHORE." This wording specifically allows this law to be CITED AS PRECEDENT for future renewals of the permit for the Drakes Bay Oyster Company beyond the currently requested ten year period. Given the amount of infrastructural improvements to the facility that will occur if a ten year permit is granted, it is likely that the operators or a subsequent investor will ask for another extension of the permit since the previous permit extension was granted and can be cited as a precedent for future requests within the Seashore. Therefore, the EIS should also examine an alternative whereby the Oyster Company permit is extended again for ten years after the original ten-year period has elapsed. This is an entirely feasible alternative given the specific directive built into Section 124.

3. Based on the working in Section 124, the EIS should address an alternative under which Drakes Estero is NOT CONVERTED to Wilderness within a reasonable time period for park management planning - say 25 to 50 years -- and continues as a commercial oyster operation within the National Seashore.

4. The idea that the request for a permit extension to a commercial operation within potential wilderness in the Seashore cannot be as precedent for other future requests that could be made in other similar situations is specious at best and unenforceable in practice. Whether or not the successful extension of a permit at the Estero is specially cited in other future permit extension requests, the example of Drakes Estero will serve as a template for other commercial operators wishing to remain in potential wilderness or even start up in potential wilderness. The success of the tactics used by Drakes Bay Oyster Company will guarantee that the same tactics will be used for other "independent" permit requests. Extending the permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company will show that potential wilderness conversion dates are flexible given a sufficient amount of push. Therefore, the EIS must examine the potential cumulative impact to lands designated as potential Wilderness under all EIS alternatives, including the scenarios described in comments 1, 2, and 3. How many acres are currently designated as potential wilderness or Wilderness Study Area that are under commercial permits with sunset dates? 5. The EIS should examine the potential effects of oyster operations on harbor seal habitat and assess the cumulative effect coast-wide harbor seal areas.

6. The EIS should assess the potential for invasive non-native marine species to be inadvertently introduced by Drakes Bay Oyster Company operations.

7. The EIS should assess the potential impacts of extending the oyster company permit on current and future recreational potential for this section of the Seashore.

8. The EIS should assess the potential impact of extending the oyster company permit on the Wilderness character of the Estero and adjoining Wilderness lands.

Correspondence ID: 2875 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A

Address:

USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 17:44:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2876 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A

Address:

USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 17:57:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2877 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Walters, Sandra F
Address: [REDACTED]

USA
Unaffiliated Individual

Outside Organization:
Received: Nov,07,2010 17:59:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: --The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2878 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Ehrlich, Marion F
Address: [REDACTED]

USA
Unaffiliated Individual

Outside Organization:
Received: Nov,07,2010 18:02:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir:

I am writing in reference to Drake's Estero, an estuary within California's Point Reyes National Seashore that is considered the ecological heart of the park. The estuary is on track to receive full wilderness designation in 2012, but an oyster company would like to extend its operating permit, contrary to longstanding wilderness plans.

I believe that national park wilderness is for wildlife and public enjoyment, not private commercial use. Please deny the oyster company an extension of its permit.

I would vey much like to hear from you regarding this issue.

Sincerely, Marion Ehrlich

Correspondence ID: 2879 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Stupel, Sonja
Address: [REDACTED]

USA
Unaffiliated Individual

Outside Organization:
Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Representative:

Please accept these comments regarding the Drakes Estero. I urge you to maintain this as as marine wilderness area.

Our national parks are for the citizens to enjoy, not for use to make private profit. There are few marine wilderness areas and the NPS should take note of the fact that peer-reviewed research shows that there would be real and potential negative impacts from oyster operations on wilderness resources. Thus, the NPS should not allow commercial private use of this ares, but should instead maintain this area as a wilderness area - a designation that has been long-standing for good reason. NPS in its decision-making process should put at the top providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and also give full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act.

Although marine areas make up a significant percentage of our earth, relatively little resources are given to them compared to land - please maintain this important eco-system as a wilderness area.

Sincerely,

Sonja Stupel, MBA

Correspondence ID: 2880 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: .
Address: [REDACTED]

USA
Unaffiliated Individual

Outside Organization:
Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am concerned that a Special Use Permit, good for a period of 10 years issued to Drakes Bay Oyster Company (DBOC) for commercial harvesting and

processing of shellfish at Point Reyes National Seashore is even being considered. The existing Reservation of Use and Occupancy and associated Special Use Permit held by DBOC expires on November 30, 2012, and DBOC has submitted a request for the issuance of a new permit upon expiration of the existing permit. Our parks and wildlife are being exploited by private companies with no regard for the damages done.

--The top priorities in decision-making should be to provide maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Please reconsider extending this permit to DBOC. Thank you. Sincerely, L. J. Travers [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2881 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 18:25:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2882 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: NPCA Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 18:30:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: How can you reconcile corporations making money on public land? If it even would be possible to make money with no environmental impact, shouldn't it go to the public?

Correspondence ID: 2883 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Hall-Bodie, Adrienne
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: NPCA Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The West Coast's only marine wilderness, the Drakes Estero estuary, is on track to receive full wilderness designation in 2012. Nothing should interfere with this designation. The top priority in deciding whether the NPS should allow an oyster operation in the marine wilderness is to follow to the letter the provision of maximum protection of the wilderness's resources. Also, the NPS must make sure this decision will agree with the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. Wilderness designation must take precedence over any commercial private use. After all, the national parks belong to the people of this country and are not to be used for private profit. In making its decision, the NPS absolutely must consider the peer-reviewed research that shows potential and real adverse impacts from an oyster operation on wilderness resources. For these reasons, I would urge the NPS to deny the oyster operation in the Drakes Estero estuary of the Point Reyes National Seashore.

Correspondence ID: 2884 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Kramer, Eileen
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 18:34:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am 100% protecting the Drakes Estero. I cannot believe that consideration is even being given to commercialization of the only marine wilderness on the West Coast. I have lived in California for over 40 years and it's areas such as these that keep me believing that California is the greatest state in which to live.

Correspondence ID: 2885 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Bigos, Martin
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 18:46:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am a life member of the Sierra Club and writing in support of this permit application.

Research has shown that the Company's operation has minimal impact on harbor seals and other wildlife in the Drake's Estero area. Moreover this environmentally friendly operation has historic value as the last operation oyster cannery in California, and provides jobs and educational opportunities for

the local community.

It has been hundreds, if not thousands, of years since human habitation of West Marin started. Low impact operations, like this company, have the same or less impact as hikers who want to see "pristine wilderness", whatever that is.

I urge you to support this application.

Correspondence ID: 2886 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Fornia, Charles M
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fornia, owned a beach house on the Point Reyes beach in the 1950s and 1960s. My family visited them one time and spent several days at the beach house. The federal government bought it from them under eminent domain when the Point Reyes National Seashore was created in the late 1960s. The beach house was used by National Park Rangers when I visited in 1970 as it provided a good view of the beach. I believe the top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. The National Park Service should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. The National Park Service must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2887 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: bewsee, michaelann c
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Arise for Social Justice Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 18:52:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Please let me weigh in on Drakes Estero.

I believe that public lands, including waterways, need to be held in trust for the humans that visit and the animals that live in them.

Corporations are not persons with the same right of use of public lands.

Thank you very much.

Correspondence ID: 2888 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Serantoni, Karen
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: National Parks Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Talking Points:

--The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Thank you for taking the time to speak up for Drakes Estero, the West Coast's only marine wilderness. Together we are making a difference for wildlife and visitors of Point Reyes Thank you Karen Serantoni

Correspondence ID: 2889 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Dofins, Francine
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 19:01:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The national park wilderness is for wildlife and public enjoyment, not private commercial use. Please listen to the people for whom the parks are saved, and not big business.

Correspondence ID: 2890 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: kelson, elizabeth a

Address:

USA

Outside Organization: private citizen Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

thank you

Correspondence ID: 2891 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Robinson, Richard

Address:

USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Parks are mainly for wilderness, natural, or historic values. Money-making operations should only be within parks to support those values.

Correspondence ID: 2892 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: N/A, N/A

Address:

USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: At stake is the future of Drakes Estero, an estuary within California's Point Reyes National Seashore that is considered the ecological heart of the park.

--The top priorities in decision-making should be providing maximum protection of wilderness resources and giving full effect to the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. --The NPS should prioritize the long-standing wilderness designation vision over commercial private use. --The national parks are for the people, not for private profit. --The NPS must consider the peer-reviewed research that concludes potential and real adverse impacts from the oyster operation on wilderness resources.

Correspondence ID: 2893 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Montgomery, G. Rose

Address:

USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 19:16:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As this is a unique opportunity to preserve the only site of it's kind on the West Coast, preservation cannot begin too soon. I like oysters as much as anyone, but so do a number of wildlife species. Commercial use and habitat preservation do not complement each other.

Correspondence ID: 2894 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Goldenberg, Helen A

Address:

USA

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 19:19:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: National Parks are intended for enjoyment by the American public. They are also intended for homes for wild plants and animals. They are also intended for preservation of natural and scenic attractions. They are NOT intended for commercial exploitation. Please do not allow this to happen. Thank you, Helen Goldenberg.

Correspondence ID: 2895 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704

Name: Standeford, James M

Address:

USA

Outside Organization: NPCA Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Nov,07,2010 19:25:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep wild lands wild. Do not risk the unique environment at Drakes for commercial exploitation.

Also, please consider peer reviews!

Correspondence ID: 2896 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Seelig, Erica J
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 19:27:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please, please, for our children, our grandchildren and for all life on Earth, please protect this marine area.

Correspondence ID: 2897 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: N/A, Lisa
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 19:47:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Correspondence ID: 2898 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: Bentz, Marv Ann C
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 19:56:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not authorize oystering in the Drakes Estero, the West Coast's only marine wilderness. I understand that there could be serious adverse impacts from oyster operations on wilderness resources. I feel very strongly that we should treasure our wilderness resources and use them as national parks were intended to be used, for nature and for people, not for commercial purposes, no matter how worthy. wildlife and visitors of Point Reyes National Seashore.

Please act to assure that the wildlife and visitors of Point Reyes National Seashore continue to come first, not commercial interests.

Correspondence ID: 2899 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 36704
Name: N/A, N/A
Address: [REDACTED]
USA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,07,2010 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In RE:Drakes Estero

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