

**Correspondence ID:** 29000    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Kadas, Linda  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence:** I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness as it is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all....and to NOT be used for commercial interests. As you know, 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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**Name:** Fuchs, Linda  
**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.

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**Name:** Coker, Courtney  
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**Name:** Mendez, Molly  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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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:** Alvarez, Patricia  
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**Name:** N/A, N/A  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
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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:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Hastings, Helen  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Runco, Guy  
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**Name:** Jezierski, Elisabeth  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Skole, Stacey  
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**Name:** Plopper, Suzanne  
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**Name:** Whittemore, Christina  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Foster, Leona J  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 20:05:52  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** As a fairly frequent visitor to West Marin County, I have been dismayed by the actions taken by the NPS in an effort to close down the Drakes Bay Oyster Company in the name of preserving wilderness.

From Michigan, I view California as the final frontier. With only one remaining oyster cannery in California, it seems a shame to run the Drakes Bay Oyster Company out of business, especially when the science behind the NPS claims is now deemed to be flawed.

As I understand it, a key part of the Point Reyes National Seashore's mission is to preserve and protect the diverse landscape of farms, ranches, fisheries and natural areas that reflect the historic qualities of the area, including shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero. None of the described alternatives in the Environmental Impact Statement are appropriate to that mission.

There have to be other solutions that incorporate the recommendations of the NRS vision. This is the last frontier and we cannot let the zeal of the NPS forever alter the West Marin landscape in the way it proposes to do so.

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**Name:** Scott, Ellen  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Rodriguez, David  
**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.

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**Name:** Grice, Gary  
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**Name:** Braverman, Ethel  
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**Name:** Fry, Grant  
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**Name:** Barrons, Susan  
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**Name:** Vallone Rigby, Cheryl  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Guzman, Carol  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual

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**Name:** salido, christine

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**Name:** Biela, Christine

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**Name:** Black, M  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 20:57:35  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Please, please, please...do NOT close down this treasure! It benefits the enviroment, economy, heal and welfare of all.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29088    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Field, Barry  
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In recent years, several of our beautiful, naturally developed wilderness and other areas, developed for people's enjoyment and or wildlife's protection, have been endangered because of desired commercial expansion. Please try to protect Drakes Estero from that danger.

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**Name:** Benthall, Meredith  
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**Name:** Nieberding, K  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 21:03:05  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. I hope that the oyster company has made plans to move its operation.

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:** Conrad, Jamie

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**Name:** Luke, Linda  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 21:10:22  
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**Name:** Perilli, Richard A  
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**Name:** Belachew, Daniel  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 21:17:15  
**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.

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**Name:** Grunwald, Ulrike  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Landry, Jen  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 21:23:19  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** To Whom It May Concern:

I have spent time in Point Reyes while attending professional classes in California. Coming from my home in Alaska, Point Reyes was a deep sigh of relief. A pause of wild space and beauty amidst the busyness of a crowded state. I ask you to protect the wilderness status Drake Estero and Point Reyes through Alternative A.

As I see it, Alternative A is the only choice that the National Park Service should be choosing with my taxpayer dollars for the public good. Commercial interests have options elsewhere.

Thank you, Jen Landry

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**Correspondence ID:** 29109    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Hernandez, Donna  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Kerilla, Janet

**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 21:28:52  
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**Name:** Adams, Kim  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Nakamoto, Pamela  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 21:32:55  
**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.

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**Name:** Bernhardt, Inge  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 21:34:03  
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**Name:** barr, cassie  
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**Name:** Pitchford, Jayne  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Lupo, James  
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**Name:** Leopard, Sunday  
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**Name:** Bialon, M  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 22:04:40  
**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.

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**Name:** Arnold, Sarah C  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** I support the designation of Drakes Esteros' wilderness designation and urge the I the Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. I support implementing alternative A, which protects the important marine wilderness and is environmentally preferred alternative.

Drakes Estero is a vital stop for migratory birds, and is also a habitat and birthplace for harbor seals and is also a native fish breeding ground. 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. Drakes Estero should be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012.

I urge that alternative A should be chosen and commercial usage of this sensitive wildlife refuge end. Alternative A is 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.

Commercial exploitation should not be permitted in the national parks to the detriment of people and wildlife protection. 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 irreplaceable as the only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and and oysters can be grown elsewhere than in a marine sanctuary.

As someone who has enjoyed the national parks over my lifetime 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:** Custer, A  
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**Name:** dewitt, ellen  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Thomas, Ben  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 22:42:49  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:**

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**Name:** Cloud, Doris  
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**Name:** Katz, David  
**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.

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**Name:** Lubomudrov, Serge  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** bell, norton  
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**Name:** Bell, Sandra  
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**Name:** Schrader, Mauricio & Susan  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 23:03:08  
**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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**Correspondence ID:** 29148    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Pruitt, Cheryl  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Salomon, Ceci  
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**Name:** Hodapp, Natalie  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 23:06:10  
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**Name:** Rowlette, John  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Kakiba-Russell, Karyn  
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**Name:** Gibbs, Kathy  
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**Name:** Yermolenko, D  
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**Name:** Holmes, Nancy  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 23:21:55  
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**Correspondence:** It's the Department of Agriculture that does the crop thing, your job is to protect and preserve ecosystems. Here on the brink of creating a wilderness you dilly dally? 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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**Name:** Bruun, Walter  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29161    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Zanic, Laura  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 23:39:37  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
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**Name:** Smith, Glenn  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Please protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. 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 I first saw rare white pelicans. 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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**Name:** Ramstrom, Eric  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Guidoni, Marcia  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 23:49:55  
**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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**Name:** Mondejar, David  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29166    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Day, Deb  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,13,2011 23:53:03  
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**Name:** Hellings, Dee  
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**Name:** Swanson, Theodore  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29169    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Caralla, Alyssa  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:51

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**Correspondence ID:** 29170    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390

**Name:** Cliff, Susan

**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual

**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:03:11

**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.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29171    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390

**Name:** Schor, Mary

**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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**Correspondence ID:** 29172    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390

**Name:** Brown, Stephen

**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual

**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00

**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** I join many other voices in calling on the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as originally

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**Name:** Woo, Alisha  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:03:25  
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**Correspondence:**

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**Correspondence ID:** 29174    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Logan, Jennifer  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:05:16  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29175    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Kennan, Eden  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Pike, Tara

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**Name:** Ostoich, Julie

**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Young, Jennifer  
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**Name:** Bean, Beverly & Steven  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Carsten, Rhonda

**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Baker, Arlene  
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**Name:** Lippert, Timothy  
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**Name:** Kamath, Tara  
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**Name:** Slipher, Allan

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**Name:** Miller, David

**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual

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**Name:** Withers, Emily  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Schwank, Eleanor  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 01:26:00  
**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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**Name:** Morales, Laurie  
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**Name:** Kiley, Patricia  
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**Name:** Delbello, Lori  
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**Name:** Blair, Clara  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Too often we have allowed greed to destroy irreplaceable living natural resources. Please reject the Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit.

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**Name:** N/A, N/A

**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual

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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.

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.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29201    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390

**Name:** Manning, Alexis

**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

**Received:** Nov,14,2011 02:18:34

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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:** Wilkerson, Robert  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Peterson, Erik  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Girginov, Lucho  
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**Name:** Zadick, Paula  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 02:58:24

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**Correspondence ID:** 29206    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390

**Name:** Tirado Caban, Pedro

**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual

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**Name:** Tiesler, Renee

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**Name:** Boraby, Ali  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29209    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Strassner, Joe  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Friedland, Monique  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Peipert, Benjamin  
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**Name:** Yokers, Andre  
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**Name:** Pelican, Susan  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Knight, Michael  
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**Name:** Sheehan, Stacy  
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**Name:** Matthaei, Marcella  
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**Name:** Blanton, Thomas  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Bushre, Sharmayne  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Nakajima, Yuko  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** As a transplanted resident of the Bay Area and a frequent visitor to Point Reyes NS, I urge you to implement the long promised protection of the Drakes Estero wilderness next year. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. We have waited nearly four decades for these protections to be achieved, 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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**Name:** Petrick, Candace  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Kramer, Lauren  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Sanders, Ralph  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Gergely, Katrina  
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**Name:** Kenney, Mike  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Mikulka, Diana  
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**Name:** Favini, Joanne  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Priscott, Robert  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 06:53:40  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Dear Cicely Muldoon, 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. Sincerely, Bob Priscott

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**Name:** Corkin, Suzanne  
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**Name:** Foster, Elizabeth  
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**Name:** Fitz, Sharon  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 07:02:43  
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**Name:** Vazquez, America  
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**Name:** Riddle, Cameron  
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I had the pleasure of visiting this area last summer (all the way from North Carolina) and I cannot imagine anything more important or more right than protecting this amazing estuary!

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**Name:** Rantz, Megan  
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**Name:** Morris, Kathleen  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 07:08:01  
**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.

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**Name:** holmes, christopher  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 07:10:32  
**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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**Name:** Gibson, Sara  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Bellak, Joann  
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**Name:** Fritz Grabowska, Rosemary  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Kramer, Lauren  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 07:22:31  
**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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**Name:** Gall, Linda  
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**Name:** Christie, Mike  
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**Name:** Durchslag, Debra  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Beyerlein, Karen  
**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.

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**Name:** Doty, Jimmy  
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**Name:** Marino, Patricia  
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**Name:** Rose Blume, Louise  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** When I was raising my family, many wonderful Sundays were spent hiking at the Point Reyes National Seashore. My children learned to appreciate and value the beauty of the area and the birdlife.

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**Name:** Hill, Cynthia  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** We must do everything possible to preserve our national treasures such as Point Reyes Wilderness. We must put larger values ahead of commercial interests -- for the sake of future generations and for humanity itself.

We are from Minnesota and drove the northern California coast last year. Its beauty and wildness AND LACK OF DEVELOPMENT gave us such hope. We need these special unspoiled places -- the human spirit will die without them.

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**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Mcmillen, Brian  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** MacPherson, Amber  
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**Name:** Booth, Graeme  
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**Name:** Nelson, Stephen  
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**Name:** Hassell, Karma  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Sykes, Freddie  
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**Name:** Bianco, Diletta  
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**Name:** Thomas, Matt  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 08:33:53

**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.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29305    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390

**Name:** Farrington, Raymond

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**Name:** Kemper, Lorissa

**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual

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**Name:** Chacon, Jesse  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 08:41:05  
**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.

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**Name:** Wicks, Debra  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Byrne, Rosemary  
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As a long-time resident of the greater San Francisco Bay Area, I have have considered our local State and National parks and preserves to be among the greatest benefits of living in this region. I am dismayed to learn that delaying the designation of Drakes Esteros as a marine wilderness is even being considered. I realize that parks funding is tenuous right now and the economic benefit that might be derived from extending the permit of an oyster company to exploit the natural responses of the area would be tempting. Nonetheless, it is important that you take the long-ten view and protect the Esteros for future generations rather than rry to address funding issues by breaking promises to the public.

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**Name:** Schank, Robert  
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**Correspondence:**

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**Name:** Dejanvier, Zanne  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Martin-Pontuti, Karin  
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**Name:** Stafford, Chris  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 08:59:30  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** DO NOT EXTEND A LEASE OF 40 YEARS AGO. LOOK WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR ENVIRONMENT IN THAT TIME! THIS IS 2011...GET REAL!

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**Name:** La Chusa, Danielle  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Wedlund, Rose  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 09:05:05  
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**Name:** Fuderer, Laura  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** As Conservation Chair of the South Bend-Elkhart Audubon Society, I write to you on behalf of over 800 members. A major part of our mission is to work to preserve America's wildlife and natural habitat.

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**Name:** Ciske, Daniel  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
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**Correspondence:** This is an area that we know personally having visited here many times over the past 30 years. 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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**Name:** Hicks, Barbara  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29338    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** B, Maureen  
**Outside Organization:** Somerville Climate Action Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 09:25:41  
**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.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29339    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Mt.Joy, Greg  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 09:27:12  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

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**Name:** Brennan, Ingrid  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 09:27:12  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Point Reyes is easily my favorite place in California - the natural beauty, the recreational opportunities, and the small towns are all a huge draw for me and my family.

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**Name:** Marco, Stephanie  
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**Name:** Brady, John P.  
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**Name:** Chen, Dan  
**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.

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**Name:** Rowe, Ashley  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** B, Mark  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Johnson, Lori  
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**Name:** Garris, Darryl  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 09:38:36  
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**Name:** Wesley, F. Robert  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Kurz, Joanne  
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**Name:** Bain, Nancy  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Bukosky, Gerald  
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**Name:** Matos, Milagros  
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**Name:** Martin, Mildred  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 09:58:44  
**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.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29359    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Paynowski, Janice  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 10:03:01  
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**Name:** Spinella, Nancy  
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**Name:** Escudero, Debbie  
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**Name:** Rodgers, Julie  
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**Name:** Musick, Frank  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Post, Tom  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** The agreement was that this land would revert back to wilderness once the lease expires in 2012. Let's honor the original intention and in 1976, the area was slated for wilderness protection once the last commercial operation closes. Let's see this happen.

Since the owner of Drake's Bay Oysters does run a viable business, encourage and assist financially to move the business to Tomales Bay where an existing operation is.

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**Name:** Michael, Veronica  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Barnett, Justin  
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**Name:** Schofield, Mark B  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 10:29:30  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** Please Grant the Permit to Drake's Bay Oyster Company. This has been a long standing business that has helped the community.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29384    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Jones, Katie  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 10:31:23  
**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:** Gillen, Jennifer  
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We need to keep our wilderness areas for just that, wilderness. The oyster beds need to have time to catch up from being commercially used so that the migrating birds and other wildlife who feed on them have abundance.

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**Name:** N/A, N/A  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence:** Extend their permit!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks!

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**Name:** Ayres, Peter  
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**Name:** Staff, George  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29399    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Mawhinney, John E  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 11:00:36  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Please continue Drake's Bay Oyster Company's permit to operate.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29400    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Balfour, Michele  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Phelps, Sally  
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**Name:** Koogler, Sharon  
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**Name:** Sotomayor, Nora

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**Correspondence ID:** 29404    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390

**Name:** Olson, Richard

**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual

**Received:** Nov,14,2011 11:12:06

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**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual

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**Name:** Sturdevant, William  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Lotz, Elizabeth  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Porter, Joelle  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Aranita, Rosita  
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**Name:** Bowman, Kristi  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29418    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Coe, Barbara  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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I hope that the commercial operation will be disbanded and relocated outside the boundaries set aside for the park, and that they will do all that is possible to conduct their business in an environmentally sensitive manner.

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**Name:** Wheat, Mary  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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As a former resident of the Bay Area, who plans to return when I retire next summer, I would be devastated to not have Point Reyes as the ecological wonder that it has been until now.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29420    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Feammelli, Debra  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** I still remember the wonderful time I had with my adult son, a Berkeley, Calif., resident at the time, when we visited the Point Reyes National Seashore and walked along its shoreline and other trails.

I am a longtime Oregon resident, who understands the importance of public policy in preserving wilderness areas, which are like rare scenic, bio-diverse "jewels" that cannot be replicated. Once they are gone; they are extinct. The Drakes Estero is an example of this ... oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere but a marine wilderness is irreplaceable.

California has some of the most beautiful coastal scenery I have ever seen. I enjoy visiting California (I hiked Torrey Pines State Park just last month).

Point Reyes is a great example of your stunning coastal areas. It is a special place with unique habitat deserving of preservation for generations to come. Please continue your tradition of protecting it, including the Point Drakes Estero wilderness.

I urge you to select alternative "A" (the Environmentally Preferred Alternative ) to protect this marine wilderness next year and for many generations to come.

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**Name:** Willard, Thomas  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence:**

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**Correspondence ID:** 29422    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** pimentel, nancy p  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 11:56:08  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:**

Drakes Bay Oyster would be a great loss of Marin & the Bay Area in general. It brings residents & tourists to the coast, especially in these economic times please help save Drakes Bay Oyster compay.It is truly an asset to our area.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29423    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Ganz, David  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 11:56:43  
**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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**Correspondence ID:** 29424    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Pennell, Sherry  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 12:00:28  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
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**Name:** Yee, C.  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Mueller, Kari  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Robinson, Jeanne  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Root, James  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 12:13:31  
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**Name:** Salazar, Lucy  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. For public and ecological interests we need 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. Once it is converted to commercial use its natural state will be forever compromised. These rare gems need to be protected for current and future generations.

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**Name:** McQuaid, Kim  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 12:13:31  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as the promised lease term will also then be completed. and this will not at all effect the ranches that are part of the Point Reyes system.

Regards, Prof. Kim McQuaid

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**Name:** Jakubauskas, Joseph  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Guzynski, Elizabeth  
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**Name:** Del Re, Suzanne  
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**Name:** Kroneberger, Mary  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Ansley, Shannon  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29436    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Van Iden, Bill  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 12:19:52  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** We stopped by Drake Oyster Farm over the weekend and learned of the possible loss of lease in 2012. This seems to be a land grab by the Federal Gov't. The benefits of oyster restoration in the local waters is important. Drakes should have the option of renewing their lease. Bill Van Iden

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**Correspondence ID:** 29437    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Rain, M  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Mathes, Barbara  
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**Name:** Park, Valerie R  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 12:24:31  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** I am in favor of allowing Drake's Bay Oyster Company to renew their permit.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29441    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** CuvIELLO, Pat  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Haley, Kim  
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**Name:** Blue, Donna  
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**Name:** Luhrs, Emily  
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**Name:** Rain, M  
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**Name:** Baker, D.  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** McDonough, Jess  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Adrian, Lawrence  
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**Name:** Parsons, Delbert & Darlene  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Neff, Angela  
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**Name:** Rysavy, Robin  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Andrus, Melanie  
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**Name:** Von Qualen, Douglas  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 12:51:56  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** I believe that the NPS unlawfully committed scientific fraud in making their case for closing the oyster farm. The NPS is behaving like a rogue agency, arrogating power to itself that it does not legally possess. The NPS can only be expected to continue on this course unless the perpetrators of their lies are exposed and punished. This citizen would like to expect ethical behavior from his government, but the NPS has repeatedly lied to further their radical agenda. LEAVE THE OYSTER COMPANY ALONE - they have been there forever, supply a great product to an eager buying public and they do no harm to the environment! FIRE THE LIARS IN THE NPS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS DIGRACEFUL FRAUD.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29456    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Yee, C  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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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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**Correspondence ID:** 29459    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Jackson, Michael  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Mc Coy, James  
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**Name:** thaw, steve  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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Give LOVE instead of death!

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**Correspondence ID:** 29462    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** O'Rourke, Alex  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Munoz, Alma  
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**Name:** Talley, Marlene  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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**Name:** Banuelos, Jeronimo  
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**Name:** Eickhoff, Barbara  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 13:22:05  
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**Name:** Coury, Chelsea  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Pfister, Erica  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Fiekowsky, Elisabeth  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Soulas, Daniel

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**Name:** Branse, Dennis

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**Name:** Timson, Jeff

**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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**Correspondence:** Having visited the Point Reyes National Seashore in 2007, I can personally attest to the splendor of this beautiful, yet fragile area. We need to protect these vital lands from overuse, pollution and the introduction of invasive species. This area needs to remain a public treasure, it is our responsibility to protect it for future generations.

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**Name:** Smith, Linda

**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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**Correspondence ID:** 29479    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390

**Name:** Humphrey, Jason

**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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**Name:** Davies, J. Che  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29482     **Project:** 33043     **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Cano, Martha  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** The National Park Service has an enormous responsibility in protecting our national parks from those who would want special use of these lands for selfish reasons. As a lover and frequent visitor of National Parks, I feel very strongly when this travesty occurs, but take comfort that those selected by our government are watchful. Therefore, I beseech you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as was long intended. The creation of the West Coast's only marine wilderness is for the enjoyment of all people, young and old. 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. Can you imagine the excitement of our youth experiencing such a treat! 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.. Please do the right thing. Say NO! to the Drakes Bay Oyster Company. Tell them the party at the public's expense is Over!

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**Name:** Rowe, Rosemarie  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Graves, Caryn  
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**Name:** Kay, Susan  
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**Name:** Overholt, Roger

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**Name:** Morton, Larry

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**Name:** Humphrey, John H.

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**Name:** Appling, Paula  
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**Name:** Bukowski, Joy  
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**Name:** Harris, Andy L  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**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.

The original intent of this plan was an eventual shut-down of all commercial operations, and a return of the area to its natural, pristine and protected condition. that time has come.

Sincerely,

Andy Harris

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**Correspondence ID:** 29493    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Carmichael, Janet  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Merkel, Alison  
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**Name:** Chismar, Nancy  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 14:19:32  
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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:** N/A, N/A

**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual

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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.

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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**Correspondence ID:** 29500    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390

**Name:** Eickhoff, Barbara

**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual

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**Name:** Poore, Nicole

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**Name:** Hoemke, Anatol  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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<b>Name:</b>	Harris, Brian				
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<b>Name:</b>	Osdoby, Patricia				
<b>Outside Organization:</b>	National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual				
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<b>Name:</b>	Kerman, Paul				
<b>Outside Organization:</b>	National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual				
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**Name:** Jensen, Emily  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29514    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390

**Name:** Chrostowski, Paul C

**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual

**Received:** Nov,14,2011 14:47:02

**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the DBOC EIS. As way of background, I have a MS in Environmental Science, Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering and Science and about 40 years of experience in the environmental field. In addition, I am a frequent visitor to national parks and am a member of the National Parks Conservation Association, Wilderness Society, and Center for Biological Diversity. I have visited Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) over 20 times in the last 30 years for periods lasting from two days to three weeks.

The issues surrounding the DBOC site are clear cut -- this area has always been intended for inclusion in a federally designated wilderness area. As the September 29, 2011 letter from the Coastal Commission in addition to information present in the EIS and my own site visits all show, the operations of the DBOC are not consistent with wilderness designation. The definition of a wilderness area in the Wilderness Act of 1964 is poetic and succinct: "A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain." Other writings on the subject from Thoreau to Muir to Leopold clearly show that wilderness is for the benefit of the natural world not commercial enterprise. There is very little wilderness in the Bay Area and little opportunity to create additional wilderness areas. It is particularly significant that Drakes Bay will be the only marine wilderness on the west coast. It behooves the NPS as a responsible manager of our nation's resources to maximize the amount of wilderness possible to the benefit of both the human and natural populations. The only option in the EIS that brings us closer to the concept of wilderness for this area is Alternative A.

Questions have been raised by special interests regarding the scientific validity of some studies performed by the NPS that demonstrate a negative environmental impact of the DBOC. As a qualified environmental scientist, I have reviewed Becker, B.H. et al. 2011 "evidence for long-term spatial displacement of breeding and pupping harbor seals by shellfish aquaculture over three decades" Aquatic Conservation: Marine Freshwater Ecosystems 21:247. Although as with most ecological studies, there are uncertainties associated with this research, I find nothing that substantially alters the conclusions. Given that there are scientific uncertainties and debate regarding the findings in some quarters, however, it appears to be wise to adopt the precautionary principle as a matter of policy, erring on the side of wildlife protection and conservation.

On the basis of the existing science and good public policy, I strongly urge the NPS to adopt Alternative A -- the no action alternative. In addition, I urge the NPS to work with the DBOC owner/operators to develop a remediation plan that will ensure that the site is left in a condition that is consistent with the concept of wilderness. This should include sufficient data to demonstrate that both water and soil quality in the area are microbiologically and chemically consistent with local background.

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**Name:** Mitchell, J

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**Name:** Borstelmann, John F  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence:** Dear NPS folks, I strongly encourage you to reauthorize the Drake's Bay Oyster Company for a further 10 year SUP. The Lundys have made substantial investments already to improve this valuable business, a wonderful example of a sustainable food business that benefits oyster lovers like me and many San Franciscans and helps keep the water of Drake's Bay clean. This business has been in this location for a long time, and is now run by people with whom you have extensive business experience. They have proven their commitment and integrity in running ecologically sound cattle and oyster businesses. These are exactly the kinds of businesses we should be encouraging, even in a national park, because the business predated the park. Rather than adhere blindly to a dogmatic concept of "wilderness", enlightened management will allow and encourage sustainable, ecologically sound businesses such as this to survive and thrive. This idea of management is in place around the world in places such as the Everest region of Nepal, where Sagarmatha National Park protects the natural resources while recognizing and embracing the reality that many people live there and have for hundreds of years, and they need to make a living. Gary Nabhan, an excellent scientist and writer, has expressed these ideas clearly in his essay in the High Country News about a year ago, when he rightly criticized a Point Reyes NPS study that was biased against the DBOC. Your science must be sound, complete, unbiased and up to current best standards. It's hard to see how this low-key business has any negative impacts on the bay. Oysters are native, used to be plentiful, filter the water and provide food for some wild critters besides man, such as sea otters. But it really isn't a scientific decision. It is political, based on your concept of what a national park and wilderness should be. I've lived adjacent to Grand Teton National Park for the last 30 years, and I spent a lot of time living and climbing in Yosemite in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The most important task for the parks is preserving the natural resources and a viable ecosystem. Yet these purposes are directly threatened and undermined by the conflicting requirement to allow and encourage visitors and recreation. I love wilderness, if it's truly wild, but in reality most US wilderness areas are too small, mostly rock and ice and provide insufficient habitat for most resident critters. And both parks and wilderness areas are severely threatened by climate change. Recognizing these realities, a forward-thinking park management concept will embrace change and embrace beneficial uses (at least grandfathered ones like DBOC). Oyster habitat is under severe threat all over the planet. Chesapeake Bay is mostly lost, as are the coastal areas of the Carolinas (where I grew up). DBOC oysters are the best I've ever tasted! I hope they can continue to be available and that the NPS and DBOC can show the world a shining example of good management and sustainable resource use.

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**Name:** Gradziel, MaryBeth  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Smith, Alexandria  
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**Name:** Forbes, Marilyn  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Booth, Garian  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29540    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390

**Name:** Andersson, Pia

**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual

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**Name:** Klump, Ted

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**Name:** Amore-Mueller, Karen

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**Name:** Foster, Ron  
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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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**Correspondence ID:** 29544    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Vipond, Mathew  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 16:00:40  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29545    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Howe, Norman  
**Outside Organization:** NRDC Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 16:02:07  
**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:** 29546    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Schrieber, Henry  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Flores, Patricia  
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**Name:** Carney, Jeanne  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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**Name:** Mcpharlin, Diane

**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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**Name:** Saia, Dominick

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**Name:** Kumar, Jen  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29553    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Webb, Charles  
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**Name:** Juskalian, Lee  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29556    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Shealy, Richard  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** As someone who enjoys, values, and appreciates America's wildlife and national parks, I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as originally planned. It is the West Coast's only marine wilderness and deserves the protection delayed for nearly forty years. Please 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:** 29557    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Greenstein, Eva  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual

**Received:** Nov,14,2011 16:31:24  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:**

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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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**Correspondence ID:** 29558    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Breckenridge, Bonnie  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Dear National Park Service,

When Congress established the Point Reyes wilderness in 1976, it allowed an oyster farm to continue to operate until its lease ran out. But the new owner, who purchased the operation knowing the lease was about to end, is now lobbying hard to maintain his commercial enterprise inside our National Park, at the expense of solitude for wildlife and the American people.

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,

Bonnie Breckenridge

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**Correspondence ID:** 29559    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** KASTEL, DIANE m  
**Outside Organization:** PRIVATE CITIZEN Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** We support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

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A beautiful, biologically diverse estuary called Drakes Estero in Point Reyes National Seashore, located just north of San Francisco, could become the first designated marine wilderness on the West Coast.

Home to a large population of breeding harbor seals and a myriad of marine life, the only thing standing in the way of official wilderness designation is a commercial aquaculture operation, whose lease runs out in 2012.

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Wilderness designation and commercial operations are incompatible by the very definition of wilderness.

The choice is simple: noisy motorboats and plastic pollution associated with the aquaculture operation or peace and quiet for mother seals, their babies and for human visitors willing to kayak or canoe into this paradise under their own power.

The National Park Service has an important choice to make: whether to restore this estuary to full wilderness conditions or commercialize it for private gain.

Return Drakes Estero to a wild place we all can enjoy.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29560    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Silver, Dan  
**Outside Organization:** Endangered Habitats League Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** We support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore. For your reference, Endangered Habitats League is Southern California's only regional conservation group.

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Thank you

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**Correspondence ID:** 29561    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** N/A, N/A  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 16:36:24  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** I support Alternative A -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

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Patricia

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**Correspondence ID:** 29562    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Williams, Nancy  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 16:39:24  
**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.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29563    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** N/A, N/A  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 16:44:09  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Dear National Park Service,

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Sincerely,

Max Polyak, DVM, MPhil

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**Correspondence ID:** 29564    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** N/A, N/A  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 16:44:19  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Option A is the only one that makes sense at protect the natural beauty and wildlife of Pt. Reyes National Seashore. I visit there several times a month and it always saddens me to see any industry in a national park. The oyster farm doesn't belong there. Give the water and wildlife the protection and peace they deserve.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29565    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Ginsburg, Joe  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 16:47:22  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Dear National Park Service,

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Thank you for your time and attention to these comments.

Sincerely,

Joe Ginsburg

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**Correspondence ID:** 29566    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Stuart, Fiona  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 16:50:30  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** I support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

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Sincerely,

Fiona Stuart

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**Correspondence ID:** 29567    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** FLOURNOY, PETER H  
**Outside Organization:** INTERNATIONAL LAW OFFICES OF ASAN DIEGO Business  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** PLEASE CONTINUE THE OYSTER FARM LEASE.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29568    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Root, Lisa  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:00:32  
**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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**Correspondence ID:** 29569    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Schwegmann, Annette  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:04:57  
**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.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29570    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Hartigan Bloom RN, Attorney at law, Patricia A  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:09:14  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** I am a Marin resident, RN, attorney, and Mom. I love and support our wilderness areas. I am a longtime member of NRDC, Sierra Club, Earthjustice, Baykeepers, and more. I am also concerned with issues of ecology, health, historical treasures, and citizen's rights.

The Drakes Bay Oyster Company and its Special Use Permit needs to be extended until at least the 2029 date that the Fish and Game Dept has licensed for many good reasons. The Oyster company is a part of our local shared history and culture and part of the soul of Marin County. Dating back to the early 1930's this local historical and treasured asset needs to be preserved and protected along with the rest of the Park. The protection of the DBOC needs to be "grand-fathered" into whatever new regulations may come in the future for the Park. Perhaps eventually a small educational museum may be created on site teaching children and adults alike about marine life and the cultivation of Pacific oysters in our spectacular Marin coast ocean at Drake's

Bay.

The Drakes Bay Oyster Company (DBOC) produces roughly half of the shellfish produced in California and is the only oyster cannery remaining in California. To keep their carbon footprint small, its environmentally conscientious owners only sell their product locally. The Oyster Company's existence actually attracts tens of thousands of people to the Pt Reyes Seashore area. Many local Bay Area citizens and tourists alike drive out to the more remote West Marin area to visit and enjoy the shellfish cultivated in Drakes Estero.

DBOC employees 30 - 35 local West Marin people in a down economy, mostly women whose husbands work elsewhere in West Marin. It provides 5 housing units in a very tight housing market.

With an estimated 50,000 visitors a year (and growing annually), DBOC is a popular destination for families, particularly Asian and Hispanic families whose cultures value fresh seafood. The young, the old, and the disabled easily access it.

The Oyster Farm is a critical element in the survival of agriculture in West Marin. Six of the ranches in the Seashore are in the Drakes Estero watershed. If the oysters, recognized for their value as filter feeders, are removed, it is likely that these ranches will be required to implement measure to prevent source point pollution in the Estero that they simply cannot afford. The loss of demand for support services needed for agriculture to survive in West Marin, and ultimately in Marin, could well result in the end of agriculture in Marin.

DBOC is an important historical part of Marin's and Pt. Reyes National Seashore area and needs to be preserved. I urge you to take all necessary actions to promptly accomplish this end. This approach is in alignment with the statement of the President of the National Parks Conservation Association, Tom Kiernan, and the spirit of the NPCA's mission statement as follows:

America's national parks are the touchstones of our shared history and culture. In some ways, they represent the soul of the nation. They represent our hopes, our dreams, our struggles. They are our absolute best places. ~ Tom Kiernan, NPCA President

Additionally, I was made aware that some segment of the NPS raised concerns and claims that cultivation of shellfish has a negative impact on the flora and fauna of Drakes Estero. If scientifically and uncontrovertedly proven, that would present an issue for further research and discussion of possible solutions. For now, I wholeheartedly support the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Chair, Darrell Issa, in saying that "it is imperative that a thorough, objective review of whether NPS's conclusions are based on flawed science occur immediately." The keywords here are "thorough" and "objective" so that a broad spectrum and unbiased assessment will guide any future decision.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29571    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Garcia, Tamara  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:15:05  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Dear NPS,

I am a citizen of the United States and I support Alternative A.

The United States is finite, and reserving safe habitats for our rapidly diminishing wildlife is crucial. If we allow commercial interests to constantly stand in the way of conservation, we will continue to lose species that we simply cannot regain. We encroach upon wildlife in almost every way imaginable, and the consequences for our country's species are often devastating.

Finally, we have an opportunity to secure an area for breeding seals and a myriad of other marine life. If we allow enterprises like the Drakes Oyster Bay Company to encroach upon critical habitats, wildlife once again loses the battle. Our interests cannot always trump theirs.

Please, make the right choice: restore this estuary to full wilderness conditions. Do not compromise the estuary by commercializing it for private gain. Our country's wildlife deserves to live peacefully in the wild.

Our oceans have taken enough damage. Make a decision that benefits them--not us. There is always a resource to be exploited for our gain--but at what cost? We share this planet with other species. We need to start acting that way.

As a fellow citizen and a law student, I urge you to adopt Alternative A. It may not be the easy choice, but it is the right choice.

Sincerely, Tamara Garcia

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**Correspondence ID:** 29572    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Ambrose Hall, Madison  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:18:16

**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

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**Correspondence ID:** 29573    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Dlugosz, Janice  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

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**Correspondence ID:** 29574    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Macpherson, Ph.D., Malcolm  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29575    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Wojtas, Gregory  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:27:50  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

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**Correspondence ID:** 29576    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Lauder, Leona L  
**Outside Organization:** Law Offices of Leona L. Lauder Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:30:09  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** Drakes Estero is a unique and remote estuary within the Point Reyes National Seashore in California that is home to protected species of birds, fishes and marine mammals. It drains into Drakes Bay, a sanctuary for endangered leatherback sea turtles that migrate across the entire Pacific Ocean to reach abundant jellyfish blooms. However, plans approved by Congress to expand marine wilderness protections throughout this sensitive habitat are uncertain.

I request a full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore. If the National Park Service does not protect wildlife, particularly endangered species, such as the leatherback sea turtles, who will.

I believe the human species has to be judged by how it protects and cares for other species. The cruelty of some humans towards animals hurts my heart and soul, and has diminished my view of the human species to one of which I would rather not be a part. If the civilized, educated, powerful section of our US government, such as the National Park Service, representing the citizens of the USA, cannot protect endangered species, and provide some counterbalance to the cruelty towards and destruction of animal species by other human groups, then my hope for the human species becomes ever more slight.

Please be a leader for protection of endangered species, please stand up for the rights of nature and animals, please in this important instance stand up for a full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore, and protect the endangered leatherback sea turtles.

Thank you in advance, Leona

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**Correspondence ID:** 29577    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Nalley, Eileen M  
**Outside Organization:** Turtle Island Restoration Network Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:30:23  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

**Correspondence:** Dear National Park Service,

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Sincerely, Eileen Nalley

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**Correspondence ID:** 29578    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Kim, Suzanne  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:30:28  
**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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**Correspondence ID:** 29579    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Coates, Arthur E  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:31:51  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Dear People of the National Park Service,

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Sincerely, Arthur E. Coates

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**Correspondence ID:** 29580    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Griesgraber, John  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:32:10  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29581    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Mcgregor, Todd  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:32:11  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29582    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Kirschbaum, Saran  
**Outside Organization:** NPCA Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Dear National Park Service,

You have the rare opportunity to protect the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore. Please support Alternative A in the draft Environmental Impact Statement and make it a reality. It is to our advantage to create protection here, for there won't be another chance to do so in the near future. Rising ocean levels will make life even more difficult for this area.

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**Name:** Moore, Charisse  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Merle, Lynn  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29585    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Knittel, Jozann  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 17:33:42  
**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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**Correspondence ID:** 29586    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Kripli, Paul  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29587    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Martini, Denise A  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form

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A special use permit that has a termination point should be considered inviolate. Do not allow further exceptions to wilderness designations.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29588    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Lee, TyAnn C  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29589    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Hernandez, Ashley  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Upton, Linda  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29591    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Harris, Krystal  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Stechert, Judith  
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**Name:** Walton, John  
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**Correspondence ID:** 29594    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Goldberg, Susan  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Gabriel, Cindy  
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**Name:** Tobin, Dan  
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**Name:** Kuligowski, Jessica  
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**Name:** McD, Ruth  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
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**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,

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**Name:** Johnson, Carol  
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**Correspondence:** I would like to remind you of all the oil spills our coast lines have suffered in the past few years. Protecting as many miles of shoreline is so crucial to the Eco-System. It may not show for years which we may not see but for the future of my Grandchildren it will be important. Look at protecting the future of the shore as well as the fishing & other ocean harvesters. This could mean only harvesting every other year of 1 year in 5 to give the species times to recoup. Our Futures depend on your decisions.

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**Correspondence:** Dear National Park Service,

As an environmental scientist, 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, Elyse Levy

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**Name:** meeks, russell  
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**Correspondence:** RE: Support for returning Drakes Estero in Point Reyes to Wilderness, and for removing Drakes Bay Oyster Co. from the site. I feel very strongly that Drakes Estero In Point Reyes National Seashore should be returned to wilderness, and the Oyster Company should be closed. The Park study on this issue has termed this Option A- with restoration. This had been agreed to and made Law of our land, and I feel it was completely inappropriate, unethical, to the detriment of the environment, and immoral to extend the lease of the Oyster Company there.

Most concessions in a National Park have to abide by strict rules, and the leases are put up for public bid when they are renewed if they are renewed at all, and that process needs to occur here. The Drakes Bay Oyster Co. is a case where an operation damages the visual and natural setting of the Estero.

Back in the 50's they used to cut drive through holes through giant redwoods, and let people camp on their roots, but we learned that was not good for the environment. Putting bags of anything all over the floor of an ecosystem is not good for it no matter what the scientists say. Do an experiment: put bags filled with anything on your lawn and see what happens- it will turn yellow and eventually will die, the bottom of the Estero is no different.

Mr. Lunny pays \$2,800/ year for his lease on the Estero for the Oyster Co. That is a travesty of fairness. They sell oysters for \$1.50 a piece. There are about 12 oysters per pound. Oysters are quite expensive . I believe the report says Lunny pulls about 500,000 pounds of oysters out of the Estero a year. He has almost no overhead except for a few laborers, and obviously extremely limited maintenance expenses from the look of the place. 500,000 pounds x 12 oysters per pound x \$1.50 each= \$9,000,000 per year gross income from the Oyster operation. Even at 50% overhead he would be making over \$4,500,000 per year. Do the math- it appears the operator is getting rich off of this Drakes Bay Oyster Co. operation, and it is being heavily subsidized by the taxpayers who pay for the park, while destroying the visual beauty of the area. If the Park Service makes the wrong decision and decides to extend the lease you must put it up for anyone to bid on the lease as that is the only way to establish the fair market value. Market value can only be determined by letting people bid openly on the renewed Lease. I would love to retire out there in the house on the Drakes Bay Oyster Co. property overlooking the Estero and make hundreds of thousands of dollars a year hiring a few laborers to hang, pull up, and shuck oysters.

Please let me know if you decide to renew his lease and I would happily outbid Mr. Lunny for more than 50 times what he is paying for the lease. It is a gold mine, a man is making big bucks selling exotic food that costs \$1.50 per bite to rich people, normal people can't even afford oysters. So I fail to see why the government should continue to subsidize Lunny and let him mess up one of the most beautiful places on the earth. It is not fair what he pays for the lease. He was not a "legacy" owner of the lease from when the Park was created, he took it over from Johnson. Big California agribusiness is stirring the political pot

for him, the same people are who support diverting water from the California delta to southern California and damaging that ecosystem too. Praise to Lynn Woolsey, and condemnation to Diane Feinstein, Pete McCloskey, and Darrell Issa over the parts they have played in this situation.

The USNPS staff that run the National Seashore should be allowed to do their job which is to preserve the natural environment.

Special interests should not be allowed to exert outside political pressure for USNPS to do otherwise, and that is what has been being done. I am aware Point Reyes was established partly to preserve the old historic ranches and that part of our history, and support that as long as they don't harm the environment. However Drakes Estero is unique, a one of a kind piece of the natural environment that should not be compromised by the Oyster operation. Drakes Estero is far too precious and beautiful place. That is why the original agreement was made to set Drakes Estero aside and return it to wilderness when the park was created. This is the largest inland estuary on the West coast. It is inside Point Reyes National Seashore. If in 1950 a hot dog stand had been built on Half Dome in Yosemite would you let it stay on Half Dome to give the hot dog vendor a job? Hopefully not, we have learned that the mistakes of the past can be healed, and the land can be restored. The agreement to turn this area into wilderness should not be forsaken for one man's oyster business and the jobs of a few laborers. The operator of the Oyster Farm Mr. Lunny has another government subsidized business in the park operating one of the ranches, and knew going into his lease for the oyster farm that the oyster company was going to end at the end of the lease and the land was going to be returned to wilderness. He shouldn't be allowed to go back now and re-nig on his agreement with the people of the US and the USNPS. Our national parks were established to preserve special places like Drakes Estero, not for private individuals to profit from damaging the environment like the they oyster company, or like the Forest Service lets companies clear cut forests, and run cattle over the land for profit. Allowing private commercial agricultural enterprises to farm in our National Parks was a bad precedent to start, and support for doing this is coming from agribusinesses who want to expand the practice elsewhere into other National Parks.

The nation just celebrated National Wilderness Month and is soon to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act in 2014. Not issuing a new special use permit to allow oyster operations in Drakes Estero will be an important expression of this nation's continuing commitment to wilderness and a clear recognition of the importance of wilderness to the health of plants, animals, and the human spirit in the face of an ever more intrusive world. This is particularly true in the case of wilderness areas located close to population centers. Healthy, unimpaired natural systems have the best ability to be resilient to changes in our environment. Allowing oyster production for another 10 years, at whatever level of operations, will delay the re-establishment of the natural ecosystems of the Estero, and will significantly retard the Estero's ability to adapt to the accelerating impacts of climate change and sea level rise.

The expiration of the lease will have no long term impact on jobs and oyster production. I firmly believe in the power of the markets, and the temporary disruption in the oyster supply will be filled by expansion of existing or establishment of new aquaculture operations in more appropriate locations, recreating any jobs that are lost with the closure of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company. There are numerous other oyster farms in Tomales Bay less than 5 miles away.

This land is in a US National Park belonging to all Americans, it is not private land. We should not support private use of public park land for profit at the expense of the environment. Drakes Estero could be one of the most peaceful and beautiful places on the earth if the Oyster Company wasn't there. The Estero is home and breeding ground to numerous species of plants and marine mammals, birds, and fish. I have spent countless hours on the Estero paddling in a canoe and hiking around and can testify with first-hand experience to the negative impact of the Oyster Company there. The Oyster Company operation destroys the natural environment in many ways. They run gasoline powered motor boats between their oyster racks out in the water and their oyster processing plant. The air is often still and cold and the Estero is in a Valley so the sound of the motorboats they run resonates over the water and destroys the peaceful enjoyment of the water and surrounding areas, scattering the marine animals and birds. The smell of the exhaust from their outboard motors hangs over the water when the wind is low. On the shore the oyster processing facility is horrible because it is very noisy with all the pumps and other equipment they use. The sound of the equipment carries for hundreds of yards over the water. The oyster factory also literally emits a horrible stench from all of the decayed flesh of the oysters and oyster shells. The oyster farm just dumps the oyster shells everywhere. The road in stinks all the way in as you drive in toward the dilapidated buildings. Junk is spread all over the place. The tiny beach area where people are allowed to launch canoes and kayaks during the parts of the year when the marine mammals are not pupping in the Estero is completely covered with discarded oyster shells, so you can't walk on them without cutting your feet, and they scrape the bottom of canoes and kayaks being launched over the top of them. The oyster factory also dumps nets or bags of oysters all over the bottom of the Estero. When paddling out in the estero you have to go around all of the numerous platforms and anchor lines they have all over the place. When you are up on the hills above the Estero you can look down and see the huge extent of the oyster operation including their platforms and bags of oysters on the bottom. At low tide it is especially unsightly.

I have heard the proponents for the oyster company say that we need local farms, but this piece of our National Park is too precious, too naturally beautiful to allow the oyster company to spoil it as they do now by growing non-native species in what is suppose to be a wilderness area, it is unconscionable. Please ask the government to return Drakes Estero to wilderness. If they remove the Oyster Company nature will quickly reclaim the area where the factory is, and the huge quantity of detritus dumped around by the Oyster operation will soon dissipate, and nature will eventually reclaim and purify the beach, the wildlife will spread out and increase and it will be wonderful. I would like to personally take you for a ride in my canoe out onto the Drakes Estero and show you, and you will completely agree with me.

Russell L. Meeks Mill Valley CA

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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:** Wingard, Lynn  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence:** I urge you to protect the Drakes Estero estuary and go forward with the wilderness designation. I am a research scientist and I study the long impacts of human use on our east coast estuaries. If Drakes Estero estuary is opened to commercial oyster harvesting, it will negatively impact the entire ecosystem. The loss of these vital filter feeders can start a series of cascading effects that will work up the food chain and ultimately the park will witness a loss of ecosystem services.

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**Name:** Scales, Garrett P  
**Outside Organization:** Marin County and United States Taxpayer Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 18:06:01  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** The 1976 Wilderness Act never would have carved out a commercial exception if the Johnson Oyster Company had not been a long standing pre-existing condition. The 40 year lease allowed the original family to amortize their investment and thus receive fair market compensation. There was no question or quarrel that the property would immediately become part of the wilderness area when the lease expired. The new owners have no basis or rights for a lease extension. They bought the business knowing the lease would expire and paid accordingly based on a residual value of the leasehold. Had a 10 year extension been part of the original contract the value would have been substantially higher. To grant them an extension would be denying others the right to use land within the wilderness area for the same purpose. This surely was not the intent. The lease should be allowed to terminate as provided in the original documents with no extension.

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**Name:** Green, Jo  
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**Name:** Miller, Lisa

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**Name:** Voorhees, Sharon

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**Name:** Sparrow, Susan  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence:** As a native Californian and long time visitor to Point Reyes I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. The Drakes Bay Oyster Company has benefited for 40 years under a use permit. That is enough. It is now in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. 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 Drakes Bay and the surrounding parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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**Name:** Ehnes, Tracey  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
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**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, Tracey Ehnes

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**Name:** Schildhaus, Armie P  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 18:22:35  
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**Correspondence:** Dear National Park Service;

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Sincerely, Armie Schildhaus 413 Grenoble Road Santa Barbara, CA. 93110

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**Correspondence ID:** 29722    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Johanson, Erica  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Gettins, Elizabeth  
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**Name:** Simpson, Penny  
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**Name:** Johnson, Michelle  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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**Correspondence:** Let Point Reyes continue to be a refuge for wildlife!

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**Name:** Larson, Karly  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 18:31:09  
**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:** Darbro, Michelle  
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**Name:** Bayegan, Gilda B  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 18:37:35  
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**Correspondence:** Please do not allow private enterprise to manipulate our parks. The new owners of the oyster farm purchased it aware that its lease was about to expire. This is wild public space. Do not betray the American people or the intent of the designation of the marine preserve. Do not renew the special use permit of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company!

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**Name:** Robertson, Myles  
**Outside Organization:** Citizen Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 18:38:39  
**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, Myles Robertson

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**Name:** Mcfadden, H  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
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**Correspondence:** Point Reyes is beautiful. It deserves wilderness protection. Yes, I have been there. Have you? Money is not everything. It cannot buy peace or wildness. Please protect this special place.

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**Name:** Kirsling, mary ann  
**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.

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There are other places in the area to harvest oysters, but these things only happen at Drakes Estero. Please don't undermine the intent of the public or the National Seashore program by extending the operating permit.

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**Name:** Pillow, Ellen  
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**Correspondence:** I want to save the estuary for the wildlife. Save the estuary to become Wilderness! 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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**Name:** sherriff, carrie  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 18:53:13  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** dboc is a viable business that serves all of us. it creates a healthy environment for the estero. i have followed this fiasco since it started, and am appalled at the misinformation that was put forward by the "science" of the Pt. Reyes Seashore elite. I have heard that the Seashore even had a plan to develop the Oyster farm as part of the park plan. Stop this ridiculous pursuit to close down a healthy operation.

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**Name:** Rodgers, Peter  
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**Name:** Thew, Janet and Mark  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** We support Alternative A - full wilderness protection. Aquaculture does not belong in protected areas. Thank you.

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**Correspondence ID:** 29834    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
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**Name:** Glenn, William  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
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**Correspondence:** Dear Cicely Muldoon,

I have explored many parts of the West Coast and look forward to exploring Point Reyes National Seashore with my wife. I think you have an obligation to make sure that the law passed 40 years ago is upheld. If any amendments are made maybe there should a review in 40 years to see if oyster companies should then be allowed to start operations up again. Drakes Estero is a wildlife area in a National Park which was contractually set aside beginning in 2012 for wildlife and public enjoyment. Please make sure my government upholds its obligation to the public.

Sincerely, William Glenn Portland Oregon

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**Name:** Yarish, Tom  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 18:59:52  
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**Correspondence:** I fully support the creation of protected marine sanctuaries.

However, it strikes me that creating marine sanctuaries only buys us a little time to reverse the human impacts upon the global environment. Marine sanctuaries do not stand in isolation. A sanctuary must be made immune from all human threats, not only commercial but recreational and atmospheric.

In the foreseeable future trends such as ocean acidification, temperature changes, circulation pattern changes, nutrient/food supply ecology changes, atmospheric deposition, ozone depletion, toxics and nutrient pollution, emerging pathogens, emerging predator species, etc will have profound impacts on our coastal habitats.

Without more comprehensive global remedies to the existing legacies of human abuses it seems unlikely the National Park Service can achieve much in the way of lasting protections.

Wilderness is wilderness... devoid of industrialized humanity in all its forms. We've changed from a culture of hunter-gatherers to a highly destructive consumer economy, as evidenced by the concern to preserve what little remains of the once great natural heritage, a once great birthright for all species that no longer exists.

I'd like to see current climate change predictions for temperature, acidification and sea level rise factored into long-term projections for the coastal estuaries. For example, given current acidification projections, how long will natural or commercial shellfish populations be viable? What are the green house gas emission burdens of commercial shellfish culture, marketing and distribution? Compared to other local food products? Compared to tourist and recreational visitation?

My view is that the human populations of the world are already beyond "sustainability." The protection of wilderness is vital only in the context of our ability to reduce both population and consumption in a relatively short period of time, more like years than decades or generations.

Am I wrong? Can we afford the risk of waiting to find out?

Tom Yarish

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**Name:** Norton, Susan  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Please do the right thing.

All eyes are upon you.

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**Name:** Badella, Gloria  
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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:** Lepore, Victoria  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 19:01:38  
**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, Victoria Lepore 1 Mead Way Bronxville, NY 10708

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**Correspondence ID:** 29859    **Project:** 33043    **Document:** 43390  
**Name:** Wezensky, Joe  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Ellis, Jim  
**Outside Organization:** Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 19:08:46  
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**Correspondence:** More lies more deception

I tried to read the 'Draft Environmental Impact Statement Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit'.

It is one of the most presumptive, redundant, illogical, nit picky, bone headed pieces of garbage I've ever seen, unnecessarily lengthy and awesomely boring. 500 plus pages of pure tripe.

You've outdone yourself Point Reyes National Seashore. Create a monster document that relies on disproven data, rotates around the assumption that something needs 'fixing', and offer four 'alternatives' with the same conclusion, namely removing DBOC. Present it as unbiased research for public review and comment, hoping no one cares to read it; mission accomplished.

Well, here's my review and comment. Scrap the EIS in its entirety. You've got a lot more to fix than imaginary impacts in an imaginary wilderness in Drake's Estero. Focus on broken trust between the public and PRNS for cooked and regurgitated 'data' from your well meaning scientists practicing their version of the 'Greater Good'. Focus on cancerous relationships between PRNS and influential environmental and conservation groups and how that affects policy, decision making, projects, and data gathering. And finally, focus on why none of your transgressions bother you in the least.

You and your handlers won't just close DBOC, you'll close an entire chapter of history and way of life in the Point Reyes Headlands. It can only go downhill from there. We (The People) deserve better than this. Renew the DBOC use permit.

Jim Ellis ? Stinson Beach

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**Correspondence:** Please, listen to the "people", not one special commercial interest that has already reaped untold profits from "the peoples" property.

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**Name:** Huwe, Rand  
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**Name:** Clark, Stephen

**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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**Correspondence:** Please help keep the Point Reyes Wilderness wild. 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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**Name:** Parekh, Jai  
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**Name:** Rogers, William  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
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**Correspondence:** Although I now live in South Carolina I once was a Californian and I know Drake's Estero well. I urge you to protect Drake's 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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**Name:** Mckenna, Blake  
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**Name:** Cleere, Erin  
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I support Alternative A -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

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**Name:** Houston, Debra  
**Outside Organization:** Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Name:** Sroat, Ena  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
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**Correspondence:** Please protect this incredibly rich and valuable estuary and its dependent wildlife. It is irreplaceable.

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**Name:** Hardin, John  
**Outside Organization:** National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual  
**Received:** Nov,14,2011 00:00:00  
**Correspondence Type:** Web Form  
**Correspondence:** Dear Superintendent Muldoon-

I am a marine environmental scientist with over 30 years of experience working to provide data to decision makers that is as accurate and as value added as possible. It is always a challenge to let go of the data and hope that decisions with long term perspective are made as opposed to short term perspectives more common to businesses and corporations.

I also try to visit the fantastic areas associated with Point Reyes as often as possible. The area is an amazing and powerfully uplifting environment, among the finest that exist on our planet.

While issues are almost always gray, I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, and as long intended. It is in the public and the environmental health of Point Reyes 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.

Recent data have shown the very positive effects of marine sanctuaries, which benefit humans, fishing industries, sport fisheries, and as importantly, the non-human organisms within the marine environment.

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**Correspondence:** I support Alternative A -- full wilderness designation for the entire Drakes Estero within Point Reyes National Seashore.

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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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We have destroyed enough of this earth. Don't you think it is about time we start protecting the environment and a great place to start is the Drakes Estero wilderness?

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