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Name: Delgado, Dolores
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Our wilderness areas and the wildlife that depend on it are very precious. We've spoiled so much that was given to us to hold and protect. Search your conscience before you make a decision. Thank you for listening.

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| Correspondence ID: | 28019 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Singerski, James | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Mcdonald, Barbara | | | | |
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Name: Wolgamuth, Mark
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Name: Grindstaff, B.K.
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Name: Marsh, Carol
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Name: Gifford, James
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Name: White, Rita
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Name: Burns, Pamela
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 08:33:03
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| Correspondence ID: | 28028 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Bower, Jc | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 08:33:04 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28029 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Pierre, Amy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28030 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Kreager, Anita | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 08:33:05 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28031 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Gruber, Allen | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 08:34:48 | | | | |
| 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: | 28032 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Henry, Moss | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
| Correspondence: | I believe the current owners of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company bought the operation knowing its lease was going to expire just a few years from the date of their purchase and that it was being considered for wilderness status. That was a business decision they made and a risk they took. For them to press for renewal feels manipulative to me. 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: | 28033 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Glod, Margie | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 08:34:52 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28034 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Sheets, David | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28035 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Matthews, Michele | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 08:36:40 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28036 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Clark, Frances | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28037 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Zebker, David | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28038 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Goss, Kristin | | | | |
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| Name: | Giesbers, Marian | | | | |
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Name: Levi, Victor
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| Correspondence ID: | 28043 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Meyers, Liz | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Cronin, Chris | | | | |
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| Name: | Soteropoulos, Patricia | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28049 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Clark, Jan | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 08:39:51 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28050 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Davis, Robert | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 08:40:42 | | | | |
| 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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| Correspondence ID: | 28051 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Davidson, Barbara | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 08:41:19 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28052 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Russell, Christopher | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28053 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Williams, Bernie | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 08:42:51 | | | | |
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| Name: | Kerteston, Jenni | | | | |
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| Name: | Bradley, Kenn | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28071 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Cordova, Jeanette | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Wright, Georgina | | | | |
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| Name: | Halliday, Valentina | | | | |
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| Name: | Hashmi, Margaret | | | | |
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| Name: | Root, Elizabeth | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28078 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Schmidt, Kati | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
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| Name: | Winfrey, Bobbiejo | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28081 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Dyer, Liz | | | | |
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| Name: | Lentine, Amy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Zeiger-May, Gretchen | | | | |
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| Name: | Berger, Sally | | | | |
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| Name: | Yourke, Oliver | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28090 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Stetser, Ann | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 08:53:41 | | | | |
| 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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| Correspondence ID: | 28091 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Starling, Christi | | | | |
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| Name: | Wimberly, Lee | | | | |
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| Received: | Nov,13,2011 08:55:12 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28094 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Burgos, Cynthia | | | | |
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| Name: | Abdel-Khalik, Sharon | | | | |
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| Name: | Mazza, Melissa | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28110 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Aaron, Frank | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:01:48 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
| Correspondence: | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | | | | |
| Correspondence ID: | 28111 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Virre, M. M. | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:01:57 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
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| Name: | Renneke, Jos. | | | | |
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Name: Myers, Derald
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| Correspondence ID: | 28123 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Hey, Lisa | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28124 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Rose, Timothy | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28125 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Hogan, Tracey | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28126 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Roode, Lora | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28127 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Themm, Melinda | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28128 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Price, Jimmy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:05:47 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28129 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Beck, Mary | | | | |
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| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:06:13 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28130 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Tracy, Steven | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:07:02 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28131 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Barron, Dorothy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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Name: Owens, Carly Clements
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| Correspondence ID: | 28135 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Nicole, Anastasia | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:07:10 | | | | |
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| Name: | Naeder, Arick | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28137 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Davis, Dixie L | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:07:38 | | | | |
| 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.

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

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| Correspondence ID: | 28138 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Walter, Jonsthan | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:08:16 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28139 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Herzberg, William | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:08:55 | | | | |
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| Name: | Ochsner, John | | | | |
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Name: mccloskey, patricia
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Name: Mariella, Lisa
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 09:10:37
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| Correspondence ID: | 28144 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Heidemann, Kathleen | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:10:44 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28145 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Kiely, Elizabeth | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28146 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Poppe, Victoria | | | | |
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Name: Kelley, Ruth
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Received: Nov,13,2011 09:10:44
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| Correspondence ID: | 28150 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Ingel, Unne Grete | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:12:46 | | | | |
| 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: | 28151 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Samay, Patrick | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:13:41 | | | | |
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Name: Dillard, Sam
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Name: Jordan, Barbara

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Name: Pillinger, Hal
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| Correspondence ID: | 28165 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Oakes, Dorothy | | | | |
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| Name: | Neill, Murray | | | | |
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| Name: | Catton, James | | | | |
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| Name: | Wolfberg, Amy | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28173 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Sullivan, Linda | | | | |
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| Name: | Shepherd, Wayne | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28175 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Lake, Alison | | | | |
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| Name: | Powell, Justin | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28180 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Fulcher, Kaye | | | | |
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| Name: | Larrivee, Michael | | | | |
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| Name: | Wexler, Lesley | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:22:59 | | | | |
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| Correspondence: | Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds. | | | | |

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

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

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

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

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| Name: | Eckstein, Susan | | | | |
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| Name: | Turner, Debbie | | | | |
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Name: Kiernan, Colleen
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| Name: | Malina, Matt | | | | |
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Name: Judd, Linda

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Shouldn't public land be used by the public? And if it is designated as a wilderness area, should a commercial company be allowed to stop the wilderness designation? It does not seem right to have one company be able to stop a wilderness area that so many other citizens want to be returned to its wilderness status.

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Name: Rogul, Debbie
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 09:32:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge the National Park Service to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year as long-intended. The American public deserves to have the West Coast's only marine wilderness protected for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish spawn. It deserves the highest level of protection as Congress long-intended. As someone who enjoys our nation's spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

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

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

Correspondence ID: 28218 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hildebrandt, Linda
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Name: Hand, David
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| Name: | Rausch, Mary | | | | |
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| Name: | Daniels, Wayne | | | | |
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| Name: | Mapes, Ed | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28223 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Bolton, Sharon | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:32:28 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28224 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Santone, Deborah & Joe | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:32:48 | | | | |
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Name: Robinson, Hannah G.
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Name: danner lentz, eve
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| Correspondence ID: | 28232 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Lopez, Abram | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28233 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Clark, Stuart | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:37:09 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28234 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Petty, Tami | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28235 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Knapp, Henrietta | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
| Correspondence: | This oyster company is the best run one on this coast.... | | | | |

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| Correspondence ID: | 28236 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Craig, Jean | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28237 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Reichard, Mary Ellen | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28238 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Greene, Ronald | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28239 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Root, Charlene | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28240 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Trupin, Joel | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:37:28 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28241 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Slote, Karen | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28242 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Young, John | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:38:59 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28243 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Ballentine, Wanda | | | | |
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Name: Forrest, Terry
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| Correspondence ID: | 28247 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Stevens, Lisa | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
| Correspondence: | I don't understand how our park service can even think of letting the oyster company continuing operating in an area that was declared a wilderness area. It is always a huge struggle to get these wilderness designations because so many business-minded people see them as a wasteful obstacle to their profits. Let us not sabotage the goals of the park service. | | | | |

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| Correspondence ID: | 28248 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Jackson, Stephanie | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28249 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Kennerly, David | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:40:51 | | | | |

Correspondence Type: Web Form
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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: | Catanese, Virginia | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28251 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Falzone, Stephanie | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:42:45 | | | | |
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Name: Nolan, William
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| Correspondence ID: | 28255 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Marker, Kevin | | | | |
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| Name: | Johnson, Samantha | | | | |
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| Name: | Harley, Brenda | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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Name: Teason, Christine
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Received: Nov,13,2011 09:43:30

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Name: cappello, dan
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| Correspondence ID: | 28265 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Gunderson, David | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28266 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Edwards, Martha | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28267 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Graham, Dan | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28268 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Parmer, J | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28269 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Boydston, Carolyn | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:47:12 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28270 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Snyder, William | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
| Correspondence: | When I visited Point Reyes with my children it was a magical place. Now, we have an opportunity to make it even better. 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: | 28271 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Roberts, Nataly | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28272 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Covington, Laurel | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28273 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Horton, H.D. | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:48:59 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28274 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Mcdonnell, Jen | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28275 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Guh, H. | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:49:01 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28276 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Saykaly, Frances | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28277 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Hauck, Kelsey | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28278 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Torrey, Rachel | | | | |
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| Name: | Magee, Dan | | | | |
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Name: Szczech, Julie
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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Name: Coleman, Ben
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| Name: | Phillips, Jim | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Ulrich, Bob | | | | |
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| Name: | Krach, Judy | | | | |
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| Name: | Bulava, Jennifer | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28305 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Louis, Dianne | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:54:30 | | | | |
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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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| Correspondence ID: | 28306 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Scottberg, James | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Massey, Carolyn | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28314 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Haak, Valerie | | | | |
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| Name: | Fahrner, Rita | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28316 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Columbus, Louis | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:58:23 | | | | |
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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

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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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| Correspondence ID: | 28317 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Laughlin, Dawn | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28318 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Phelan, Susan | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28320 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Rowland, Sonja | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28321 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Reiter, Marcia | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28322 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Williams, Mary | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 09:59:59 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28323 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Herman, Scott | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28324 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Lowenthal, Anne | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 10:00:24 | | | | |
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| Name: | Friese, Darlene | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28326 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Wertenbaker, William | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28327 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Ospital, Kay | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 10:02:00 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
| Correspondence: | As a resident of West Marin, 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: | 28328 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Bellacosa, Angela | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 10:03:53 | | | | |
| 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.

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: Brewinski, Margaret
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| Correspondence ID: | 28332 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Kramer, Julie | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Stratton, Patsy | | | | |
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| Name: | Holcomb, Stacy | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28335 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Garber, Julie | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28336 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Ruppert, Richard | | | | |
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Name: nowak, Joseph
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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: | Eng, Jeffrey | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28346 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Grace, Robert | | | | |
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| Name: | Obudzinski, Dirk | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28348 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Coon, Leslie | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Lombardi, Stephanie | | | | |
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Name: Zyla, Barr A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 10:11:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This area should be kept as a marine sanctuary as Congress originally intended it to be.

Correspondence ID: 28362 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Waldrum, Linda
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 10:12:30
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: | Griffith, Rosemary | | | | |
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| Name: | Thorn, Danny | | | | |
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| Name: | Strong, Jacquelyn | | | | |
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| Name: | Rice, Pego | | | | |
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| Name: | Zachow, Lynn | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
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| Correspondence: | Although I do not live in California, I do live on the west coast in Washington state and take frequent trips to California on vacations. It is a beautiful state and I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended, for our future generations. 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: | Bechtholt, Susan | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28374 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Gilman, Monica | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28375 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | van Asten, Michelle | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 10:16:23 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28376 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | flament, evelyne | | | | |
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| Name: | Johnson, Vicki | | | | |
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Name: Norton, Kathey
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| Correspondence ID: | 28384 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Johnston, Lee | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28385 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | leahy, martha | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28386 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | giacca, pete | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 10:20:48 | | | | |
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| Name: | Martin, Patrick | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Price, Mary | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28389 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Hardy, Kathryn | | | | |
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| Name: | Figman, Janice | | | | |
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| Name: | Shores, Michael | | | | |
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| Name: | Glover, Robert | | | | |
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Name: weum, kevin
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 10:28:05
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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Received: Nov,13,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For all of us who have visited Point Reyes and marveled at its unique beauty, the need to protect Drakes Estuary is imperative. Please do not let this wilderness be compromised. Thank you.

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| Name: | Tice, Janet | | | | |
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| Name: | Husby, Jason | | | | |
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| Name: | Pressly, Norma | | | | |
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| Name: | Busacco, Jeanne | | | | |
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Name: Plauzoles, Lucien
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 10:31:17
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Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. In a national park setting forty years of waiting by the natural residents should have more weight than the economic interests of one small company. It is not the role nor the purpose of the National Park Service to guarantee the economic well-being of companies. 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: | 28417 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Sharp, Linda | | | | |
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| Name: | Bridges, Teresa | | | | |
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| Name: | Gordon, Robin | | | | |
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Name: King, Cathy
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 10:34:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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In the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act, Congress recognized Drakes Estero as a unique recreational and biological resource and promised that this irreplaceable resource would formally become a wilderness area when non-conforming uses were eliminated. Your agency permitted a commercial oyster company to grow non-native oysters and clams on 1,050 acres in Drakes Estero for 40 years, or until 2012.

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

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

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Correspondence ID: 28425 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Herman, Marsha
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 10:34:09
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.

As a California resident, I have witnessed the sad erosion of protected, pristine coastal area. We need to protect those which remain.

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

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| Correspondence ID: | 28426 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | trent, carlee | | | | |
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| Name: | Cockerill, Joanne | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 10:35:15 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
| Correspondence: | To Whom It May Concern: | | | | |

My husband and I visit Point Reyes for a week or two every year. While there we stay at a cottage or a bed and breakfast, such as Marsh Cottage where we have stayed for the past two years. We eat at local restaurants, like the Olema Inn. We pick up wine and groceries at the local markets in Point Reyes Station and Inverness. We buy books at Point Reyes Books. And we spend a small fortune at the Bovine Bakery, which should make the food in our hometown of Silver City, New Mexico ashamed to call itself food.

But none of these are the reasons we go there in the first place. Those reasons are the beaches, the wildlife, the hiking trails, and the fact that I can stand at the ocean's shore without a freaking road a stone's throw away. I love Point Reyes.

Therefore I was thrilled to get an e-mail informing me that there is a chance to CLOSE Drake's Bay Oyster Company. Commercial businesses have no place in a marine wilderness. I can't imagine that allowing it to stay open could even be considered.

The negative impacts of this operation on native plants, animals, and the wild qualities which keep calling us back to Point Reyes can not be allowed to continue. It would be unconscionable to shrug your shoulders at the invasive species, noisy and polluting motorboats, and scattered garbage caused by this company.

Please choose the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE and allow Drake's Estero to return to the healthy wilderness it once was.

Thank you,

Joanne Cockerill

cc: Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Representative Lynn Woolsey

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| Correspondence ID: | 28428 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Herman, Matt | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 10:35:36 | | | | |
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| Name: | Saccone, Denise | | | | |
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Name: Torres, Tatiana
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| Correspondence ID: | 28438 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Moranville, Stacy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Layton, Ometh | | | | |
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| Name: | Lopez, Nelly | | | | |
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| Name: | Hilker, Virginia | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Salazar, Rocio | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28443 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Cattarin, Laura | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
| Correspondence: | Dear Cicely Muldoon: The Drake Estero Estuary is a uniquely remarkable part of the Pt. Reyes National Park and certainly deserves wilderness protection for wildlife and public (not commercial) enjoyment. I still remember the breathtaking awe I experienced when first seeing such beauty forty years ago! I extend best wishes for the oyster company finding a new home. Sincerely, Laura M. Cattarin | | | | |

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| Correspondence ID: | 28445 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | trent, carlee | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 10:38:08 | | | | |
| 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: | Killian, Jennifer | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
| 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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| Name: | Hawkins, Adaire | | | | |
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| Name: | Lepper, Julie | | | | |
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| Name: | Reed, Ruth | | | | |
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| Name: | Commons, Sandy | | | | |
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| Name: | Kastner, Margean | | | | |
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| Name: | Williams, Donna | | | | |
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| Name: | Palencia, Pam | | | | |
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| Name: | Hernandez, Isabel | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 10:40:52 | | | | |
| 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: | Davis, Arwen | | | | |
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| Name: | Mcintosh, Leah | | | | |
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| Name: | Toledo, Len | | | | |
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| Name: | Wankner, Jack | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Hendrickson, Deborah | | | | |
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| Name: | Fahey, Taylor | | | | |
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| Name: | Lewis, Ryan | | | | |
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| Name: | Gonzalez, Anjanette | | | | |
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| Name: | Khalsa, Hari Atma | | | | |
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| Name: | Oneal, Laura | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28503 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Rash, John P. | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 10:53:52 | | | | |
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| Name: | Comesrunningbuck, Nicole | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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Name: Dolins, Merelyn
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Name: Poveamaciell, Sylvester
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Name: Richardson, Kathryn
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 10:56:55
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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: Myers, Scott
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Name: Canale, Susan
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| Correspondence ID: | 28514 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Gehman, B | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28515 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Wishner, Susan | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28516 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Graudins, Jana | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 10:59:26 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28517 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Dvorsky, Sandy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
| Correspondence: | Drakes Estero highly deserves wilderness designation next year...as was always planned. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's ONLY marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. | | | | |

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| Correspondence ID: | 28518 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Feighery, Suzanne | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Evans, Michael W | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28520 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Vo, Carolyn | | | | |
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| Name: | Le Luong, Gervais | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Edmiston, Kenan | | | | |
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| Name: | Hammers, Maryann | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Koff-Martin, Emilie |
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| Name: | Stewart, Richard |
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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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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: | Shotwell, Andrea | | | | |
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| Name: | Deppa, Tim | | | | |
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| Name: | McCaffrey, Kristen | | | | |
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| Name: | Gaylor, Chip | | | | |
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| Name: | Barker, Donald | | | | |
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Name: Hutchinson, Kristine
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Received: Nov,13,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: With all the economic woes facing the American Public and visiting International Visitors, and an unknown future for those treasured natural places we have left, saving places like Drake's Estero is one thing we have that we can count on to always be there if we take action now. Please do not undo what has already been decided and done.

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| Correspondence ID: | 28544 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Robinson, Paxton | | | | |
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| Name: | Nicoletti, Karen | | | | |
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| Name: | Noonkester, Dale | | | | |
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| Name: | Ganley, Roxanne | | | | |
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| Name: | Mccartin, Laurie | | | | |
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| Name: | arapoudis, sandra | | | | |
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| Name: | Myers, R.H. | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Phelps, Dawn | | | | |
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| Name: | Herrera, Laura | | | | |
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Name: Byrne, Elaine
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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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| Correspondence ID: | 28579 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Kaplan, Bee | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:23:28 | | | | |
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| Name: | Swainson, Gerard | | | | |
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| Name: | Glasco, Teresa | | | | |
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| Name: | Narcisse, April | | | | |
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| Name: | Leonis, Carol | | | | |
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| Name: | Daniels, Patricia | | | | |
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| Name: | Davis, Sharon | | | | |
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| Name: | Rotter, Ronald | | | | |
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| Name: | Milton, John | | | | |
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| Name: | Waer, Linda | | | | |
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Correspondence ID: 28597 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Heaton, D. James
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am distressed that I'm having to communicate about the issue of keeping commercial oystering interests out of a national resource like a marine wilderness. It is your mission to be serving the public's interest; there are other places to collect oysters and Drakes Estero is the ONLY marine wilderness on our Pacific Coastline.

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: 28598 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Swolak, Peter J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 11:32:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please enact the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE regarding the existence of Drake's Bay Oyster Company in what is supposed to be a marine wilderness.

The 1962 Point Reyes enabling legislation, The Wilderness Act of 1964, and the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act clearly all clearly state that wilderness health and values should be the highest priority in administering this area.

The Oyster Company knew exactly when the non-renewable permit was to run out. A deal is a deal.

Do not set foot on the slippery slope of sanctioning the commercialization of what was mandated by law to be wilderness.

Do not allow the further degradation of the Estero.

Follow the letter and the intent of these laws.

The NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE is the ONLY ethical alternative.

Sincerely,

Peter Swolak

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| Correspondence ID: | 28599 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Mcmaster, Mary And Douglas | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:32:15 | | | | |
| 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: | 28600 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Demarco, Claudia | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28601 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Hemmila, Rodney | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Phelan, Martin | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Foscherari, Dolores | | | | |
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| Name: | Thurmond, Joanne | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28608 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Avery, Jayn | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:32:34 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28609 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Roberts, Lois | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:33:06 | | | | |
| 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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| Correspondence ID: | 28610 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Anglin, Colin | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:33:54 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28611 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Kraemer, Eva | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28612 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Jolley, Wesley | | | | |
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| Name: | Walter, Jonathan | | | | |
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| Name: | Hall, Ryan | | | | |
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| Name: | Brickel, Carol | | | | |
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| Name: | Parlette, Karen | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:34:46 | | | | |
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| Name: | Taylor, Jeff | | | | |
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| Name: | Bradley, Marya | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:35:58 | | | | |
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Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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

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

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

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

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| Name: | Strangstad, L | | | | |
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Correspondence: I have visited this great place when I lived in California briefly, and think it is worth protecting. Thanks.

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| Name: | Hartmann, Martin | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28652 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Wright, Kelly | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:46:10 | | | | |
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Name: Helmick, C
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I've visited beautiful Point Reyes National Seashore in the past and value this national resource. Please protect the Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as has been planned for a long time as a previous compromise between public protection and commercial use.

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Name: Spencer, Katie
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 11:46:59
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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: Montgomery, Alfred
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Name: Ralph, Karin
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Name: CASIAS, MARIE
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Mcquirk, Sharon
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I personally ask you to protect this wilderness.

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Name: de Tarnowsky, Juliana
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to ask you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest, not only for this generation, but generations that will follow, 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 is concerned about our nation's national parks, their wildlife and habitat, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Correspondence ID: 28667 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Brown, James R
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 11:54:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wetlands. Mud flats. Eelgrass. Harbor Seals. Migrating and resident birds. Native fish. Endangered species. Tourists like me. American citizens like me.

These are some of the habitats, species, and individuals who would be betrayed if the Park Service reneges on the expiration of the Drake's Bay Oyster Company's permit to run a harmful, exploitative, and polluting commercial business in the middle of an ecological treasure.

Choose the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE.

Thank you,

James R. Brown

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| Correspondence ID: | 28668 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Greenspan, Emily | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:54:29 | | | | |
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| Name: | McD, Ruth | | | | |
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| Name: | Mendieta, Carroll | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:54:31 | | | | |
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Name: Hargrove, Keith
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| Correspondence ID: | 28675 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Knoll, Carolyn | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:57:27 | | | | |
| 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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| Correspondence ID: | 28676 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Harris, Christina | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 11:58:51 | | | | |
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| Name: | Coute, Jennifer | | | | |

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| Correspondence ID: | 28684 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Hernandez, Wendy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28685 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Mullarkey, T | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 12:01:39 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28686 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | O'Rourke, Patrick | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 12:02:29 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
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| Name: | Friedman, Kathryn | | | | |
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| Name: | Allen, Sharon | | | | |
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Name: Hernandez, Steven
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| Correspondence ID: | 28698 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Sands, Mark | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28699 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Ridder, Catherine | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28700 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Ramey, Angie | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Mercer, Michele | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28702 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Miller, James | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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Name: Whipple, Kris
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Eldridge, Sara
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| Name: | adrian, lawrence | | | | |
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| Name: | Li, Catherine | | | | |
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Name: Michaels, Dana
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence ID: 28719 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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| Correspondence ID: | 28723 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Frey, Kari | | | | |
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| Name: | Lauxmann, Timothy | | | | |
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| Name: | Alexander, Jeff | | | | |
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| Name: | Frehley, Andre | | | | |
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| Name: | Bruderer, Theresa | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28731 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Bredow, Cindy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |

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Name: Philbrook, Curtis

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Name: Ferenchak, Kenneth

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MY CONCERN IS WHETHER OR NOT THE DRAKE BAY OYSTER COMPANY HAS BEEN CAUSING ANY SERIOUS DISRUPTION TO THE ECOSYSTEM WITH THEIR PROCESS OF CATCHING OYSTERS. HOW MANY WORKERS WILL BECOME UNEMPLOYED IF THEY CAN NO LONGER USE THAT SPOT? DOES THEIR PRESENCE PROHIBIT USE OF THE AREA FOR TOURISTS, ECOLOGISTS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS? I WOULD HAVE TO GAIN A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THESE ISSUES BEFORE RENDERING MY DECISION ON WHAT IS BEST FOR ALL.

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Name: Kurtz, Maya
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 12:55:58
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: 28735 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Received: Nov,13,2011 00:00:00
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If you were to go against the word of the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and allow a renewal of the oyster project you would be showing that you are hypocritical and makes it harder to trust future acts. A natural environmental area is so important to our planet. The more we tamper with our planet the less natural areas we will have left and the less natural beauties. Please do not allow this to carry on.

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Correspondence ID: 28736 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McCracken, David
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 12:59:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: En garde! Nature calls you for protection!!

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| Correspondence ID: | 28737 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Weil, Roni | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 13:01:59 | | | | |
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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: | 28738 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Mugglestone, Tom | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 13:02:58 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28739 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Shade, Barbara | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 13:03:34 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28740 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Bradford, Moira | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28741 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Graziano, Patricia | | | | |
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| Name: | Graziano, Patricia | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28744 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Smale, Mary Ann | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28745 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Gulla, Audrey | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Csenge, Debra | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28747 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Gouge, Gerald | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 13:22:15 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28749 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Martin, Scott | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 13:22:16 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28750 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Denton, April | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 13:29:05 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28751 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Granas, Marilyn | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 13:30:28 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28752 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Haines, Michael | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
| Correspondence: | Drakes Estero is a precious part of Marin's, California's, and America's natural heritage. It must be protected in its natural state, and must be preserved as a marine wilderness zone. | | | | |

Please give Drake's Estero the highest protection possible. It is critical to wildlife, such as migratory birds, seals, and other aquatic life. Accordingly, please select Alternative A to protect the area.

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: | 28753 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Hall, Ashley | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 13:32:37 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28754 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Scott, Camille | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |

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Name: Lasswell, Linda

Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual

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Name: Pinkham, Debra

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Name: Seo, Peggey
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 00:00:00
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Name: Brki, Svjetlana
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Name: Teague, James
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| Correspondence ID: | 28760 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Sedivy, Tracia | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28761 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Vrmeer, Janice | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28762 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Carson, Glenn & Debbie | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 13:46:03 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28763 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Perles, Suzette | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 13:49:56 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28764 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Lyman, Mike | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28765 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Hill, Richard | | | | |
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| Name: | Lamitie-King, Karen | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28767 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Rybak, Diane | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 13:54:38 | | | | |
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| Name: | Beebe, Kara | | | | |
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Name: Brast, Dave
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence: In considering the DEIS, please take into account the following questions of mine:

1. National Academy of Sciences Report: Why doesn't the EIS follow NAS Report's conclusion of no major adverse impact per Senator Feinstein's legislative instructions to the NPS? Why does the NPS find just the opposite? 2. "Potential" Impacts: After a decade of scientific studies and millions of taxpayers' dollars, why is this EIS about future "potential" impacts and not about documented data of actual impacts? Is that because there is no such data? 3. Special-Status Species: How come NPS concluded in 1998 that DBOC was not a threat to endangered species, and now, in 2011, the EIS says the opposite? 4. Red-Legged Frogs: Since red-legged frogs don't and can't live in salt water, why are they listed in this EIS as being subject to a "potential" impact of DBOC? Does NPS have any evidence of an actual impact or even a theory as to how an impact could occur? 5. Eelgrass: Since NAS said eelgrass has doubled in coverage since the early 1990s, and since oysters help clarify the water, why does the EIS say eelgrass is negatively impacted? 6. Harbor Seals: Concerning the harbor seal impacts we've been hearing about since 2007, what happened to earlier NPS claims about an 80% decline in seals due to DBOC disturbances? Were those claims withdrawn because there's no evidence for them? 7. NPS Secret Photos: Given that NAS thought minute-to-minute photos would resolve the controversy, why does the EIS dismiss the 281,000 minute-to-minute photos showing no disturbances due to DBOC? 8. "Displacement" of Seals: NPS describes a long-term displacement of harbor seals OUT of the Estero, but don't the data show a short-term displacement of seals INTO Estero? 9. Rogue Elephant Seal: Wasn't the rogue elephant seal at Double Point in 2003, and not the oyster farm, the cause of the short-term movement of seals INTO the Estero in 2003 & 2004? 10. Lack of NPS Data: After many years of NPS claims of actual overwhelming harm to seals by DBOC, are hypothetical potential future impacts the best the DEIS has to offer as to why DBOC is causing harm? 11. Why does the EIS not propose a fifth alternative that would allow DBOC to continue operation past 2012 under the same rules and regulations it's been operating under until now? Is that because doing so would not accomplish NPS's goal of putting DBOC out of business?

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Name: Cameron, Denise
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 13:58:11
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| Name: | Hernandez, Glendarae | | | | |
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| Name: | Gentry, Greyling | | | | |
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| Name: | Paulson, Sherri | | | | |
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| Name: | Peacock, Jason | | | | |
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Name: Galyon, Helen
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Received: Nov,13,2011 14:21:29
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Name: Dooley, Richard
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Name: Skidmore, Michael
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 14:27:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is a very unique area, all others are long lost. 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: Piazzon, Toni
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 14:29:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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| Correspondence ID: | 28792 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Walters, Julie | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28793 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Osgood, Shirley | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 14:32:09 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28794 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Guthrie, Irene | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 14:32:58 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28801 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Bonner, Gayla | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 14:49:28 | | | | |
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| Name: | Rausch, Richelle | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 14:51:01 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28810 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Meredith, Michael | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28811 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Smith, Lynda | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28812 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Goldmann, Denise | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28813 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Karr, Patti | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:02:25 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28814 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Vrmeer, Janice | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:04:01 | | | | |
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| Name: | Toco, Tre | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:04:21 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28819 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Carlson, Emma | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28820 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Webb, Travis | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28821 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Montgomery, Elizabeth | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28822 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Rubin, Leonard | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:09:05 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28823 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Olson, Lee | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28824 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Talbert-Hill, Kathleen | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:14:16 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28825 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Schomp, William | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:20:36 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28826 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Danzinger, Ryan | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28827 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Campe-Aguilar, Patricia | | | | |
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Name: Conover, Tacey
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 15:25:59
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Received: Nov,13,2011 15:30:04
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Correspondence ID: 28830 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Shrock, Melinda
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 15:32:34
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: | 28831 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Reed, Brian | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:33:07 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28832 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Boling, Kathryn | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Mercer, Michele | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:34:56 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28834 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Lewis, Lynn | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
| Correspondence: | Drakes Estero--indeed the entire Pte. Reye National Park--is one of the nation's last best places. Though from the East Coast, I have visited dozens of times and have sent family and friends to the area for over 30 years. Truly, this is an extraordinary place. | | | | |

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| Correspondence ID: | 28835 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Johnson, Rachel | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:38:07 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28836 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Lipp, susan | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28837 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Ingalls, Brendan | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:41:32 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28838 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Hammond, Candy | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28839 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Malloy, Siobhan | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28840 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Burke, Carol | | | | |
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| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:43:34 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28841 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Maurer, Joe | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 15:45:20 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28842 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Oakes, Lee | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Peters, Stephanie | | | | |
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| Name: | Wilson, Gerrard | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28846 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | SCHOLZ, ERNEST | | | | |
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Name: Birnbaum, David
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Name: Cortay, Shawn
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Name: Gilbertson, Lisa
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 16:03:11
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: | 28859 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Ragan, Lee | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28860 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Calderon, Julia | | | | |
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| Name: | Storace, Michelle | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28862 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Chavez, Kathy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:10:59 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28863 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Jones, Janis | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28864 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Adamopoulos, Stephanie | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:12:42 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
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| Name: | Chavez, Kathy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:13:10 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28866 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Halsey, Jane | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
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I grew up in this part of California, loving the sea and the coast. I was born in Massachusetts and later as an adult spent 15 years in New York. I loved the East Coast when I was there, but when people asked me if I still loved California too, I said, "California is what my bones are made of." I think all Californians, native and adopted, feel the same. And it's because of places like Point Reyes, what they are and what, even more, they could be. I like oysters as well as the next person, but the whole ecology of Point Reyes is infinitely more important. There are other ways for companies to make money. They can't remake this, once they've destroyed or even compromised it. Nobody can.

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| Correspondence ID: | 28867 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Burns, David | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28868 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Aiello, Christine | | | | |
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| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:16:34 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28869 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Cabanban, Linda | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:19:41 | | | | |
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Name: n, Dottie
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Birnbaum, David
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Received: Nov,13,2011 16:31:37
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Name: Misra, Anuruddh
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 16:32:32
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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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: 28881 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: LaSchiava, Dona
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 16:34:25
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.

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resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

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| Correspondence ID: | 28882 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Scott, Sally | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:35:26 | | | | |
| 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: | 28883 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Taylor, Sara | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:35:38 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28884 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Lof, Stephanie | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:37:14 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28885 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Schleimer, Madeline | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:37:15 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28886 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Stevenson, Derek | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:38:45 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28887 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Vu, Kim | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:40:55 | | | | |
| Correspondence Type: | Web Form | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28888 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Elliott, Vincent | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:44:23 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28889 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Lof, Stephanie | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:44:45 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28890 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Nelson, Beth | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:46:12 | | | | |
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Name: Claypool, Duane
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 16:48:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Rivard, Kris
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 16:50:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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| Correspondence ID: | 28893 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
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Name: Sanders, John
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 16:55:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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| Correspondence ID: | 28894 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Albarran, Rafael | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:58:59 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28895 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Gasner, Emily | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28896 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Goetz, Jacob | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 16:58:59 | | | | |

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Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 17:02:36
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I urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. The NPS is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources, as stated in the Seashore's legislation, and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, not commercial exploitation. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other wildlife and plants. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and it is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere.

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

Correspondence ID: 28899 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Reed, Jennifer
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 17:02:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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| Correspondence ID: | 28900 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Sura, Jeannette | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 17:03:35 | | | | |
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Name: Brennan, Christine
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 17:06:01
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
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| Correspondence ID: | 28905 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Bates, Kim | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28906 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Walsh, Jacqueline | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28907 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Carelli, Kathleen | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28908 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Cornish, Rachel | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 17:18:28 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28909 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Conway, Stefan | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 17:21:49 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28910 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Sego, Christopher | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28911 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Johnson, Louise | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28912 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Klitzke, William | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 17:24:35 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28913 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Segreto, Marilyn | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28914 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Bailey, Mark | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28915 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Linarez, Karen | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 17:27:49 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28917 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Ulmer, Gene | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 17:28:15 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28918 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Jenkins, Tom | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28919 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Schueler, Darlene | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 17:31:29 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28920 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Blackwell, Lauri | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28921 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Lis, Magdalena | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 17:32:38 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28922 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Brunner, David | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |

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Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

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| Correspondence ID: | 28926 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Ramos, ERICA DENAE | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 17:42:56 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28927 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Fuller, Marilyn | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 17:48:29 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28928 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Haugen, Michelle | | | | |
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Name: Jamvolds, Shunko
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| Name: | Kent, Diane | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28936 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Sailer, Randy | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28937 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Barr, Renee | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Name: | Prochazka, Penelope | | | | |
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| Name: | Jackson, Wanda | | | | |
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Name: O'Halloran, William
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 18:02:43
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Correspondence ID: 28941 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fandel, C.J. & Bunny
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 18:03:10
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: Dunkell, Dashiell
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 00:00:00
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Name: Zahn, Sandra
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 18:06:10
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Correspondence ID: 28944 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Rollman, Kathleen
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 18:09:05
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Name: Huber, Charles
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
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| Correspondence ID: | 28946 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Schlesinger, Sybil | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28947 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | aubertin, amy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28948 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Wahler, Jeanne | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |

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Name: McIntyre, Micah
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Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
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| Correspondence ID: | 28951 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Horwath, Patricia | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28952 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Quinlan, Bryn | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 00:00:00 | | | | |
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My family and I have visited, enjoyed, and healed in the Point Reyes Wilderness. Please allow all residents and visitors to experience some of what originally made California so beautiful and appealing. We need these wild places.

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| Correspondence ID: | 28953 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Sailer, Randy | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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Name: Gaines, Betty J.
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I know you are probably being pressured for keeping local jobs and supporting the local economy. I have to say I "get it". However, that same argument is being used to say go into protected lands for oil drilling, natural gas exploration and strip mining of coal. Look if you always look towards jobs, during good economic times and bad - well then there is very little hope of ever preserving any precious resources, wilderness or wild habitat. Alas -if jobs and supporting a growing economy is what we predicate every decision on well then- there will be nothing left of our great nation but pipelines and dead waste lands and lifeless waters. Lets face it human kinds growth is on the incline so jobs will always be a top priority. But, I for one do not see this as the only priority. Please convert this land back to the wild so can recover and rebound with new life and support all the migrating birds and marine habitat as it was agreed to 40 years ago.

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| Name: | fraser, carol | | | | |
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| Name: | Thornton, Tessa | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | NRDC Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 18:24:43 | | | | |
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| Name: | Quisenberry, Carly | | | | |
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| Name: | Neiberger, David | | | | |
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Name: Tinsley, Rebecca
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 18:33:09
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Correspondence ID: 28974 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Goldbaum, Sarah
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 18:36:44
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Name: Laddey, Virginia
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Name: Damon, Rhea
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Name: Blunt, Christine
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Received: Nov,13,2011 18:47:29
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Correspondence ID: 28980 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Topalian, Eugene
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 18:48:08
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.

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

Correspondence ID: 28981 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Reidister, Garry
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I ask that you protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. Wild shoreline disappears at an alarming rate. It is 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 a kayaker and lover of our nation's national parks, I urge you to uphold the plan to fully protect this ocean wilderness.

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Name: Butler, Rita
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 18:51:10
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| Correspondence ID: | 28983 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Kennedy, Sara | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 18:51:10 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28984 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Jett-Rigg, D. Grace | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
| Received: | Nov,13,2011 18:55:37 | | | | |
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| Correspondence ID: | 28985 | Project: | 33043 | Document: | 43390 |
| Name: | Klosterman, Pete | | | | |
| Outside Organization: | National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual | | | | |
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Name: Hoang, Xuandai
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Received: Nov,13,2011 19:00:01
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Name: Linarez, Karen
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 19:02:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 28988 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Garber, Julie
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 19:04:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Received: Nov,13,2011 19:04:42
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Name: Harmon, Mary
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness now, as long intended. The West Coast's only marine wilderness should be for the enjoyment of all. We have waited nearly forty years for these protections to be implemented, which is far too long. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish shelter in eelgrass. Our family so enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, and I urge you to uphold the long-held plan to convert this unique resource to wilderness.

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Name: Kohli, Brooks
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Nov,13,2011 19:18:11
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Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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

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

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

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

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Name: Stone, Rita
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