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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:19:08
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Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 49001 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sutphin, Andrew
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:19:17
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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Your own draft environmental impact statement reveals the extensive damage that the existing operation has caused to Drakes Estero and Point Reyes National Seashore's beaches. As you know, commercial operations of any kind are not permitted in designated wilderness areas because of such damage. Further, the Park Service's Organic Act mandates protection of park resources and values and strictly limits commercial operations.

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

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

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Name: N/A, N/A
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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:20:14
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Name: N/A, N/A
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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49008 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:21:04
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:21:19
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:21:36
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Received: Dec,04,2011 13:22:09
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Correspondence ID: 49028 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:26:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49029 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49030 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:27:49
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Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 49035 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hayes, Susan
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: NO TO "DRAKE'S BAY OYSTER CO." SPECIAL USE PERMIT.....AS A "NATIVE CALIFORNIAN" (LIVING IN EL DORADO COUNTY), I VACATION IN THE "DRAKES ESTERO" AREA SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE OF IT'S UNTOUCHED BEAUTY...CALIFORNIA DOES NOT WANT TO DESTROY THIS. WE HAVE ENOUGH PLASTIC & GARBAGE IN OUR LOVELY PACIFIC OCEAN ALREADY (i.e. The Great Pacific Plastic Patch, The California Vortex). WE NEED NO MORE! PLEASE "JUST SAY NO"!

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49036 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Perrette, Julien
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:37:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49038 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:47:30
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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:48:05
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Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 49041 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Halligan, Marcia
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:48:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Drakes Estero constitutes the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

Drakes Estero provides a home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and also supports tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement indicates clearly that the existing commercial oyster operation causes extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--would be the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49044 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gardner, Manuela N
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:48:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Name: Frey, John
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:49:09
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Correspondence ID: 49048 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Grinavic, Tierney
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 13:49:22
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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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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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49104 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Correspondence ID: 49106 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49107 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 14:08:04
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Correspondence ID: 49120 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fonken, Gunther
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 14:16:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

Correspondence ID: 49121 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Edwards, Chuck & Kristi
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 14:27:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We love the Park and are grateful to the many people who worked for its creation and the private property owners who allowed their properties to be included in this public treasure. We have lived in West Marin for over 35 years and during this time, we have become increasingly concerned over many of the actions of the Park. The way the Park has attacked the Lunny family and Drake's Bay Oyster Company, and the division created in our community because of the way this attack has been carried out, has been deplorable.

We believe that DBOC represents a cultural heritage that deserves to be preserved. We believe that it is possible for the oyster company to co-exist with native plants and animals, and provide a valuable example of sustainable and appropriate use of land and sea for seashore visitors. The way they have cleaned up the former Johnson Oyster site, their participation in numerous environmental projects, and their plans for future development of native oysters, etc., should be honored and encouraged.

There are many examples of for-profit activities within national park borders all over the country and within this Park. What would we do without the Drake's Beach Cafe, our beloved rest stop? What about all the antennas you walk by on Mount Vision? And then there are the ranches which we suspect are next on the Park's list of eradication; another example of our cultural heritage and good land stewardship. If the park intends to replace the oyster company with kayak rentals, we believe that use by possibly uninformed people would potentially be much more damaging, than the continuing use by DBOC's knowledgeable personnel. (We still believe in the possibility that a sick kayaker may have led to the contaminated oysters which resulted in Tomales Bay being declared 'impaired'.)

We all know that human beings have inhabited this area for thousands of years and their presence has affected the environment. We believe that human beings are part of nature, not apart from it, and that it is unrealistic to have a 'John Muir' ideal wilderness setting within an hour's drive of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Fortunately, after years of haggling and horrendous 'he said, she said' commentary in the media where each 'side' has dug in its heels, we finally have a sane proposal which calls no names and offers a reasonable solution. We are 100% in favor of the proposal by the Alliance for Local Sustainable Agriculture for a COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE and urge the Park to adopt this as the preferred alternative in the final EIS. This comment should count as two votes in favor of the collaborative management alternative.

Respectfully submitted by Chuck and Kristi Edwards

Correspondence ID: 49122 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lake, Alison
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 14:46:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49123 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wiesner, Amy
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 14:47:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Brower, Amelia
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 14:48:06
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Correspondence ID: 49125 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Button, Pat
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: Johnston, Susan
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 14:48:22
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Correspondence ID: 49127 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 14:48:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have enjoyed Visiting Point Reyes National seashore for yeas and love the Drakes Bay Oyster Company. I believe that diversification is essential to local agriculture. I beleive DBOC has made many postive changes that support a healthy marine life.I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49128 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 14:48:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 49129 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gaugler, Judith
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 14:49:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes

clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

Correspondence ID: 49130 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wilson, Nancy
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 14:49:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49131 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Montilla, Jose R
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:12:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49132 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:14:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49133 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Keith, Deb A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS! Get this done! This is a sustainable food source and it is good for the environment!

Correspondence ID: 49134 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Meadows, Alyssa
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:17:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49135 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:17:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49136 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Brooks, Scott
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:18:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49137 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: LaPlant, Carol
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:18:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49138 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Pierre, Laura
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:19:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49139 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wendlandt, Lynne
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:19:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49140 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: schmleter, james
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:20:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49141 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:22:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49142 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Grossman, Gene
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:23:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the oyster farm!

Correspondence ID: 49143 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: meadows, kathleen
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:24:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I fully support this acceptable environmental impact statement for special use permit.

Correspondence ID: 49144 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Chevillon, Vic
Outside Organization: US Citizen Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:24:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Point Reyes National Seashore is for public use including the public that was there before the area was declared National Seashore to be administered by the National Park Service. People living on the land there and making their livings off the land for generations is very much part of the heritage and historical value of the place and should be respected by the US Government and the law of the land.

Sincerely Vic Chevillon

Correspondence ID: 49145 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Shea, Virginia G
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:24:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Selfishly, I love Drake's Bay Oyster Company because visiting there, seeing the beautiful estero, talking with the friendly staff, and eating the delicious oysters is a wonderful tradition for my family. More importantly, I and many other northern Californians support the continued existence of Drake's Bay Oyster Company because they are a very successful small, locally owned and run company that provides jobs for up to 30 people, a significant number in a sparsely populated area like West

Marin, and because they are doing a great job preserving the environment while carrying on a century-old tradition of oyster farming.

Thanks for reading!

Correspondence ID: 49146 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Greenough, Martha
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:24:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49147 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fistor, Lorae A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:26:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the collaborative management alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49148 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Norton, Donald O
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:31:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Local, sustainable. Leave well enough alone!

Best Regards,

Don

Correspondence ID: 49149 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Quinby, Amanda S
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:31:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49150 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Cawood, Gary
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:32:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Unless you eliminate the Navy's antenna array station and the dairy farming at Point Reyes, I do not support eliminating DBOC.

I never go to Point Reyes without stopping at the DBOC. It sounds like the CMA will provide a learning experience along with a continuing source of some of the best farmed oysters available in the area.

Correspondence ID: 49151 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Payne, Holli H
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:32:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49152 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: wittman, steve
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:34:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the collaborative management alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS,,, please finally come to a conclusion that some people and their actions are truly for the public GOOD not necessarily run by government

Correspondence ID: 49153 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hill, Carol C
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:34:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There is a definite need to maintain Drakes Bay Oyster Co.

Correspondence ID: 49154 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Morris, Richard C
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. This is the only fair alternative I have read for the situation at hand.

Correspondence ID: 49155 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Cohen, Deborah
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:35:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49156 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:36:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49157 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:36:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49158 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:36:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49159 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:37:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49160 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:37:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49161 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Olmeijer, David
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:37:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in Drakes Bay Oyster Company special use permit EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49162 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:37:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49163 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:38:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49164 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Chen, Lisa
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:38:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49165 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: O'Dea, John J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:38:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. I feel that the oyster industry is providing a sustainable operation and contributing a good product to the food supply chain. It is good for the NPS and educational.

Correspondence ID: 49166 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:38:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49167 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bodenhofer, Bruce K
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:38:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS for the Drakes Bay Oyster Company issue at Pt. Reyes. This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character.

Correspondence ID: 49168 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:38:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49169 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:39:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49170 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: smith, sonny
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:39:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49171 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Mocherman, Suzanne
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:39:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Thank you

Correspondence ID:	49172	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 15:39:17				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49173	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 15:39:31				
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Correspondence ID:	49174	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 15:39:46				
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Correspondence ID:	49175	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 15:40:02				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Correspondence ID:	49176	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Thoma, Michael p				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 15:40:11				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	"I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49177	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 15:40:17				
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Correspondence ID:	49178	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 15:40:30				
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Correspondence ID:	49179	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 15:40:43				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49180	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 15:40:58				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49181	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 15:41:14				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				

Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49182 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:41:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49183 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:41:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49184 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:42:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49185 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:42:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49186 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:42:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49187 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:42:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49188 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:42:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49189 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:43:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49190 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Heitz, Virginia
Outside Organization: Slow Food USA Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:43:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

My husband and I both support the efforts of Drakes Bay Oyster Co. to continue growing and harvesting oysters in Drakes Bay. The Bay is cleaner for their efforts and the oysters are a prized addition to the local foodshed.

Correspondence ID: 49191 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:43:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49192 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:43:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49193 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:43:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49194 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:44:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49195 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:44:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49196 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ruby, Jacki F
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:44:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49197 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:44:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49198 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Name:	Busick, Catherine A				
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Correspondence ID:	49209	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Sokolowski, Julie				
Outside Organization:	National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 15:47:19				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.				

Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes

clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

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Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I have always been in awe of the Point Reyes peninsula. To me, it is one of the most beautiful places anywhere in the world. During my travels there over the years, I have made a point of always stopping by Drakes Bay Oyster Company. I have always been impressed with their respect for their immediate environment and their stewardship of the waters in which they farm their oysters. It doesn't seem right that their stewardship is being called into question when there are so many dairy cows that are also peacefully coexisting on this precious part of our planet. I have told many of my friends that the best oysters in the world come out of Drakes Bay, and I would certainly be pained to see this wonderful little operation be forced to close down.				

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Name: Kaiser, Wayne L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49227 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Meadows, Belinda
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

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Correspondence ID: 49231 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: kirchhoff, david s
Outside Organization: voter Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:52:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Drakes Bay Oyster Company is an excellent example of the way in which private business can enhance the stewardship of a pristine area while providing jobs and a wonderful product to the community. The government should encourage their outstanding operation rather than bureaucratically attempting to hassle them out of existence. We all win with the Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

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Name:	Hershbell, Anne				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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	This is an exciting new development!!!				
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Correspondence ID:	49242	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	carter, ann c				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Correspondence ID:	49245	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Dimock, Michael R				
Outside Organization:	Roots of Change Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec.04,2011 15:55:11				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. I do this because as a species, human beings must learn to both produce food and steward natural systems simultaneously in the same space. In some types of farming this may mean placing human production systems in proximity to natural systems. For example, a row of carrots is not a natural system. But a field of carrots can be bordered by wild lands and the carrots can be managed in ways that				

do not impinge on the health of those wild lands. That is the concept of biological integration in farming systems. DBOC can actually be even more biologically integrated than the carrot field. The production space can live within a natural system. Quality oyster production requires a natural system. Its operators have shown this to be true over the last many years. You can raise oysters without degrading the water body and the other species that share that body. DBOC is in a constant search for further integration and improved management. They are collaborative, open, responsive and responsible. We, as a nation, can ask no more of any food producer. All oyster farmers, all land-based farmers and ranchers, are being asked to do the same. So models of the cutting edge approaches are essential. DBOC is an important American asset because it is a model. I firmly believe that as we approach a planet of 10 billion, producing food without destroying ourselves by destroying nature will become our biggest planetary challenge. For this reason, I strongly support the Collaborative Management alternative in the DBOC SUP EIS.

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Name: Tuchman, Itay
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Correspondence ID: 49250 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bradley, Link M
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 15:55:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the collaborative Management alternative the the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Please do not try to over manage this small private company which is not causing significant damage to the coastal area. Thank you, Link Bradley (tax payer)

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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49276 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49277 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:02:28
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Correspondence ID: 49278 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:02:40
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49279 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Blumenthal, Maureen G
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:02:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49280 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Intengan, Mariden M
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:02:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the Drakes Oyster farm. This is the closest we can go to buy oyster and we don't know where to go if you were to close it.

Correspondence ID: 49281 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Thomas, Richard H
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:05:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49282 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Harkness, RC
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Come on, filter-feeders are good for the environment.

Correspondence ID: 49283 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Imrie, Russwll F

Outside Organization: Costanoan Indian Research Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

I TOTALLY support this! Thank You Russell Imrie

Correspondence ID: 49284 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Paton, Laura
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:10:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49285 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:11:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49286 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:11:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49287 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:11:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49288 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Evans, Robert D
Outside Organization: evans construction Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:11:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the oyster farm operating. I have been a loyal customer for over forty years. Good jobs, good food, and good for the environment. All this hocus pocus about the seals is just a new smoke screen to have the voices of so few, over ride the voices of the huge majority that want to keep this Point Reyes legacy alive for years to come. I have surfed and fished in the area since the early sixties and never once have the seal been disturbed. To the contrary they surf and fish with us. We give them their space and we keep ours. The ocean is a very large part of this planet and Drakes Bay Oyster farm is a jewel of an operation . Do what is right and keep the farm growing, going and helping the overall economy of West Marin.

Correspondence ID: 49289 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:11:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49290 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:12:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49291 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:12:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49292 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:12:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49293 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:12:53
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49294 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:13:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49295 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Vyenielo, Bill
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:13:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49296 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:13:20
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Correspondence ID: 49297 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:13:35
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49298 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:13:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49299 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:14:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49300 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:14:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49301 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: alvis, norm
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:14:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: my family and i have enjoyed the oyster farm for many years. they do a great job of protecting the enviroment and serve the public well! what would california be without utilizing it's abundance of sea shore and seafood? norm alvis a proud to be a

california sea shore and sea food lover.

Correspondence ID:	49302	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:14:35				
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Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				

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Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				

Correspondence ID:	49304	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Thomson, Jane G				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:14:56				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				

Correspondence ID:	49305	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:15:07				
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Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				

Correspondence ID:	49306	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:15:25				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Correspondence ID:	49307	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Correspondence ID:	49308	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Bernard, Steve				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:15:51				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				

Correspondence ID:	49310	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	heer, fridolin m				
Outside Organization:	citizen Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	In regards to the current review of the use permit for drake bay oyster farm,I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				

Correspondence ID:	49311	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	States, John E				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				

Received: Dec,04,2011 16:15:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49312 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:16:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49313 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:16:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49314 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:16:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49315 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ameral, Mark
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:16:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49316 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:16:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49317 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:17:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49318 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:17:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49319 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:17:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49320 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:17:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49321 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: labovitz, jeffrey

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:18:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49322 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:18:11
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49323 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:18:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49324 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:18:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49325 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Shah, Krupa
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:18:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

Correspondence ID: 49326 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49327 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:19:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49328 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Pasternak, Mark
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:19:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

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Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:19:42				
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Correspondence ID:	49331	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:20:00				
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Correspondence ID:	49332	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
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Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:20:18				
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Correspondence ID:	49333	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:20:36				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49334	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:20:52				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49335	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Moore, Stan				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:21:06				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	<p>I'm happy to see an alternative, the Collaborative Management Alternative, that will permit the continuation of oyster farming within the Point Reyes National Seashore. My father, while he was alive, used to like to visit the oyster farm as an important part of our trips to Point Reyes. We would buy fresh oysters there and bring them home to eat. This ought to continue to be an opportunity for future generations.</p> <p>There is no adverse environmental impact. The oysters help cleanse the water. The site is invisible to all but the (non-native) cows that continue to graze the peninsula. The only visual impact is the beginning of the crushed shell road, leaving from the black-topped Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, which Boulevard I assume the Park Service is not planning to remove.</p> <p>The stubbornness of the Park Service in this matter does not help the general public attitude about big government. I believe in the proper role of government; this has been an item which I think weakens support for that.</p>				
Correspondence ID:	49336	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:21:08				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49337	Project:	33043	Document:	43390

Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:21:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49338 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bailly, Annie
Outside Organization: Concerned Oyster Lover Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:21:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49339 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:21:37
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Correspondence ID: 49340 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:21:51
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49341 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:22:03
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Correspondence ID: 49342 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:22:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49343 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:22:34
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Correspondence ID: 49344 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49345 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49346 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49350	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Petrie, Michael				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:24:10				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	"I fully support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."				
Correspondence ID:	49351	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:24:18				
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Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:24:32				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49353	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Gleitzman, Benjamin				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:24:46				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	"I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."				
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Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:24:49				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
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Correspondence ID:	49355	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Name:	N/A, N/A				
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Name:	N/A, N/A				
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Correspondence ID:	49362	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Saunders, Joanne				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I fully support the extension of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company's Point Reyes lease. I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS				
Correspondence ID:	49363	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49369 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Camacho, Ray
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:28:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49370 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:28:18
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49371 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:28:31
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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49373 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:28:59
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Correspondence ID: 49374 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:29:13
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49376 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lee, Ronald A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,04,2011 16:29:34
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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence ID: 49378 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: camacho, Miranda
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:29:55
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Correspondence ID: 49379 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:29:59
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49380 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Dalrymple, Elisabeth R
Outside Organization: independent citizen Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:30:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The oyster farm is a wonderful asset to Marin County. It is a low keyed and well managed facility. It adds a wholesome dimension to recreational activities in the county. It is managed in a thoughtful way and with respect for the environment and the community.

The facility is actually a teaching facility and furthers the goals of conserving the counties resources through community awareness. The facility was actually improved to make it more available and attractive to groups of children and adults learning about proper management of the waters and lands of Marin. The family runs a business that gives back more than it takes. As a teacher, I lament the fact that there are so few places to take a class to show science in action or how our foods is produced. This place is willing, able and does a great job.

After so many years under other management, Why would we eliminate a jewel that has been so improved by the new owners? The road, the restroom facilities, the respect for a low keyed presence, the charm of the personnel, the environmental awareness, and the oysters themselves, all make this a win, win place to save.

I am sad that the family has had years of expense and stress over a facility they try to run so well.

Please do not allow people on the other side of the country destroy a Marin treasure.

Correspondence ID: 49381 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:30:17
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Correspondence ID: 49382 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
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Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:30:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

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Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:30:44
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49384 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:30:57
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49385 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:31:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49386 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Brainard, Frederick
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:31:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save drakes Bat Oyster Farm!!

Correspondence ID: 49387 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:31:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49388 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:31:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49389 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:31:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49390 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Koenig, Christine
Outside Organization: Citizen/Avid Pt. Reyes Park User & Drakes Bay User Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I LOVE Pt. Reyes National Seashore! My husband, daughter and I (along with many friends and family) have been going there since we moved to the Bay area (actually, my husband and I have been going since 1984). It is one of the most amazing parks in the United States. We hike, go to the beach, paddle (canoe) on Tomales Bay and Drakes Bay. We have enjoyed the visitor center, exhibits and so many of our happiest days have been At Pt. Reyes National Seashore.

During that time we discovered Drake Bay Oyster Co. I know, prior to the current owners there were many problems with the previous owners. I am not aware exactly because I wasn't as aware of that particular area at that time (nor was I interested in oysters. Clam, mussel, crab and lobster person). In the past 6 years we have been near (& on)Drakes Bay. The birds and sea life we have observed there is wonderful. We cherish the place.

While I think it is important to maintain the natural habitat of such a wonderful area I do believe it is possible to share the area and continue to maintain good standards of care so as not to negatively impact the flora and fauna AND provide a person/family with an income that they can sustain their business on. With that said I support the following alternative permit.

Please contact me if you have any questions at noted email address.

Sincerely, Christine and Eric Koenig

COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE: A Ten-Year Special Use Permit with Option for Extension;

Rehabilitation of Existing Facilities; and Construction of New Processing Facilities This alternative permits DBOC to continue to utilize onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero pursuant to its leases from the California Department of Fish and Game [CDFG]. DBOC would pay "fair market value" for use of the onshore facilities, which would take into account the value of interpretive services provided and the investment needed to rehabilitate existing facilities and construct new processing facilities. The rehabilitation and construction work would be as described in the discussion of Alternative D. Under this alternative, DBOC will collaborate with relevant organizations, including but not limited to the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture. This alternative is consistent with the "national interest" expressed in President Clinton's May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce (DOC) and Interior to expand and strengthen the "Nation's system of marine protected areas." It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), a protected area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to CDFG leases are permitted. DBOC's operation within a SMCA and PRNS presents a unique opportunity for collaborative research that supports the policies of the National Shellfish Initiative [Initiative] announced by NOAA and DOC in June 2011, and responds directly and positively to NRC and MMC recommendations regarding collaborative efforts to inform adaptive management of Drakes Estero. This alternative supports the goals of the Initiative, which are to increase domestic seafood production, create sustainable jobs and restore marine habitats. It provides opportunities for research as called for by the Initiative, "on the interactions between shellfish and the environment in terms of climate change, ocean acidification, naturally occurring pathogens and parasites, and other factors . . ." This alternative supports DBOC's efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global ocean acidification now beginning to affect all Pacific coast shellfish. This alternative sustainably supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of ethnically diverse visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide over half of the San Francisco Bay Area's sustainably farmed shellfish. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for farmworkers on remote Point Reyes ranches. Under this alternative, DBOC will continue to provide essential oyster shell for environmental programs, such as the San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Project, the SF Bay Bird Observatory Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement Project and the California Department of Fish and Game Least Tern Habitat Enhancement Project. This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49391 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Nolthenius, Richard
Outside Organization: Cabrillo College Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 16:34:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS, On the matter of the lease for the Drakes Bay Oyster Company, I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Please know that I and all of the students who have enjoyed Pt. Reyes National Seashore on my field courses, support this better alternative helping preserve the future of this wonderful part of Pt Reyes history.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Nolthenius

Correspondence ID: 49392 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Okroi, Robert
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 16:35:08
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.

Correspondence ID:	49393	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Lee, Linda S				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:36:21				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	"I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS"				

Correspondence ID:	49394	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Jacquin, Josefina				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:39:36				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I do support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS! Please allow Drakes Bay Oyster Farm a Ten-Year Special Use Permit with Option for Extension; Rehabilitation of Existing Facilities; and Construction of New Processing Facilities.				

Correspondence ID:	49395	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:41:02				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				

Respectfully, Summer LeBlanc

Correspondence ID:	49396	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Buchanan, Margaux				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:44:25				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS				

Correspondence ID:	49397	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:46:27				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I have a Bachelor's Degree from Colorado State University in Park Management and I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. I believe that the oyster operation in Drakes Estero is sustainable mariculture that should be encouraged. I believe that this alternative will ensure that it is maintained/redeveloped appropriately for a facility located within a National Park. This alternative will also retain the oyster operation's important interpretive function of showing visitors how man can work in harmony with nature.				

Correspondence ID:	49398	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:46:38				
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Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS				

Correspondence ID:	49399	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Iaderos, Andrea				
Outside Organization:	National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 16:47:14				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.				

Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of

the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

Correspondence ID: 49400 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:47:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49401 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:47:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: KEEP DRAKES BAY OYSTER COMPANY OPEN

Correspondence ID: 49402 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Maus, Dael
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:48:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49403 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Deslandes, Lillian
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:48:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49404 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ruppert, Charlie
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:48:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49405 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:49:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49406 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Turner, Janice Sacherer
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:52:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

In this time of economic difficulty it makes no sense to drive a long standing business into bankruptcy and its employees onto unemployment and food stamps. Please vote for the sensible alternative which is collaborative management.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 49407 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Morgan, Kaleigh C
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:57:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49408 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gardner, Richard
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 16:58:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49409 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: San Socie, Robert Glenn
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:04:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49410 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wilson, Ray
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:05:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I wholeheartedly support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. This is fair to every party involved in the situation and keeps the oyster farm in business doing good for the community. I

congratulate the parties for coming up with this solution.

Correspondence ID: 49411 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:06:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS,

Correspondence ID: 49412 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: valcke, christian
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:08:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49413 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:10:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49414 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:14:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49415 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Callahan, Betty A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:16:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the collaborative mgmnt alt as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. I am in support of keeping the oyster farm. They have done a great job and provide a good product for our bay area families.

Betty Callahan

Correspondence ID: 49416 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Law, Tina
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:17:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49417 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Leven, Marie
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:17:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49418 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Mockler, Mary Beth
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:17:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49419 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Klyce, Katherine
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:18:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49420 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Moen, Georgia
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:18:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49421 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: D'Andrea, Shirley L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 17:22:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm so glad to hear of Collaborative Management Alternative to keep Drakes Bay Oyster Farm working and available to California citizens. I heartily endorse the above alternative in final DBOC SUP EIS Shiirley D'Andrea, concerned citizen

Correspondence ID: 49422 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 17:23:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49423 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Brahic, Michel
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 17:25:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49424 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sutton, Claudette E
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.Thank you for taking public comments on this issue.

Correspondence ID: 49425 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gloege, William P
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Thank you for recording my comment.

William P. Gloege

Correspondence ID: 49426 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 17:33:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49427 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Valentine, Ronald R
Outside Organization: Independent citizen- no organization Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 17:34:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a longtime visitor to the Point Reyes National Seashore, a kayaker on Tomales Bay and the Estero I value all of the ingredients that make this area and its experiences unique in the world. Drakes Bay Oyster Company is as organic to this environment as any of its other gifts. We wish to see its survival and continued contributions as much as any of the dairy, historical sites and National Park facilities. I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49428 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: catania, charles j
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,04,2011 17:36:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS." I want the Drakes Bay Oyster Farm to continue to operate. With friends, I drive from the peninsula twice a year to enjoy a day at the farm to have Oysters and enjoy the beautiful location they have. The farm in my opinion does not detract from the scenery but adds interest to the area. It offers visitors a lesson as to how and where oysters are raised. It is a great form of Aquaculture. Respectfully submitted, Charles J Catania

Correspondence ID: 49429 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Picard, Andrew
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:36:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49430 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Robinson, Mike
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:37:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49431 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Jang, George
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:37:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49432 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Carley, Lorraine D
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:39:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Drakes Bay Oyster Farm is a great asset to the area and essential to research on how climate change is affecting the ocean and oyster populations.

Correspondence ID: 49433 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: siegel, kathy
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:41:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49434 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Puhakka, Maria
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:44:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Please save the Drakes Bay oyster Farm!

Correspondence ID: 49435 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Meek, Patricia K
Outside Organization: Private citizen Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:44:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49436 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bragiel, Barbara J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:46:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49437 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: L:owe, Nancy
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:48:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49438 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Witt, Tom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:51:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please maintain Drakes Bay Oyster Company!

Correspondence ID: 49439 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Martinez, Briana
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:53:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49440 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:54:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49441 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: tuerk, jonathan
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 17:55:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I want the oyster company at Drakes bay to remain open (Drakes Bay Oyster Company).

Correspondence ID: 49442 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Pineda , George
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:01:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49443 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ressler, Michelle
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:01:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep Drakes Bay Oyster Company where it is, how it is, and even let them expand. They are probably the most environmentally concerned organization on the coast because of the delicate nature of harvesting uncontaminated oysters. They have the most at stake and will do the best job to keep the waters clean and the area preserved.

Keep Drakes Bay Oyster Company on Pt. Reyes, CA!!

Correspondence ID: 49444 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: tiscornia, mary
Outside Organization: none Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:02:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUPEIS.

I would assert that much of the Pt Reyes National Park would be better managed and less costly to the NPS if more creative public/private arrangements were made. I say that from having lived on and managed a ranch in the Pt Reyes Seashore for 35 years. To watch a beautiful property that had public use and was one of the most photographed ranches in Marin turn into a dilapidated unused entrance the Park. It breaks ones heart and should be an embarrassment to the present system.

Correspondence ID: 49445 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Reumschuessel, Hans C
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:03:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom it may concern,

In regards to the Special Use Permit for the Drakes Bay Oyster Company, it is my opinion that the newly developed Collaborate Management Alternative is a reasonable choice to address the situation at hand. I have read all alternatives, visited the Oyster Farm, spoken with the proprietors of the company, and tried to form a well balanced perspective. As a former long time resident of Marin County it appears that this choice is by far the best choice to address all concerns.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to speak on this topic.

Best wishes,

Hans C. Reumschuessel Sturgeon Bay, WI (formerly Fairfax CA)

Correspondence ID: 49446 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Yee, C.
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:05:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49447 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Parrott, Lindsay
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:07:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been coming to the Drakes Bay Oyster company (previously Johnsons) since the 70's and have seen the concerted effort of the new owners to enhance both environmentally and aestically the conditions of this oyster farm..I don't see any environmental impact on the area if anything it is a positive note...We have the easements on the ranches, and of course there is no pollution there, right and they are all for profit businesses also. I say keep Drakes Oyster Farm.

Correspondence ID: 49448 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hayakawa, Kathleen
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:08:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I SUPPORT THE COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IN THE

FINAL DBOC SUP EIS.

As a teacher, I especially appreciate that under this alternative, DBOC will collaborate with relevant organizations, including but not limited to the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture

Correspondence ID: 49449 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hersey, Robert H
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 18:10:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have supported the continuation of oyster farming in Drakes Estero in correspondence to the Park Service before. I also now support the Collaborative Management Alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Robert H Hersey

Correspondence ID: 49450 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: SORENSON, ROBERT E
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 18:13:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49451 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hayakawa, Martha
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 18:13:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49452 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Robbins, Doug
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 18:14:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49453 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bonn, Margaret
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 18:17:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Abram, Natalie
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 18:17:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49455 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Beratlis, Erika M
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE:

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

This alternative permits DBOC to continue to utilize onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero pursuant to its leases from the California Department of Fish and Game [CDFG]. DBOC would pay "fair market value" for use of the on-shore facilities, which would take into account the value of interpretive services provided and the investment needed to rehabilitate existing facilities and construct new processing facilities. The rehabilitation and construction work would be as described in the discussion of Alternative D. Under this alternative, DBOC will collaborate with relevant organizations, including but not limited to the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture. This alternative is consistent with the "national interest" expressed in President Clinton's May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce (DOC) and Interior to expand and strengthen the "Nation's system of marine protected areas." It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), a protected area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to CDFG leases are permitted. DBOC's operation within a SMCA and PRNS presents a unique opportunity for collaborative research that supports the policies of the National Shellfish Initiative [Initiative] announced by NOAA and DOC in June 2011, and responds directly and positively to NRC and MMC recommendations regarding collaborative efforts to inform adaptive management of Drakes Estero. This alternative supports the goals of the Initiative, which are to increase domestic seafood production, create sustainable jobs and restore marine habitats. It provides opportunities for research as called for by the Initiative, ".on the interactions between shellfish and the environment in terms of climate change, ocean acidification, naturally occurring pathogens and parasites, and other factors . . ." This alternative supports DBOC's efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global ocean acidification now beginning to affect all Pacific coast shellfish. This alternative sustainably supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of ethnically diverse visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide over half of the San Francisco Bay Area's sustainably farmed shellfish. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for farmworkers on remote Point Reyes ranches. Under this alternative, DBOC will continue to provide essential oyster shell for environmental programs, such as the San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Project, the SF Bay Bird Observatory Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement Project and the California Department of Fish and Game Least Tern Habitat Enhancement Project. This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49456 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Hines, Kylie
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:17:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49457 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gilbreath, Robert
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:22:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49458 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hayakawa, Alan
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:22:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

This alternative is consistent with the "national interest" expressed in President Clinton's May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce (DOC) and Interior to expand and strengthen the "Nation's system of marine protected areas." It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), a protected area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to CDFG leases are permitted. DBOC's operation within a SMCA and PRNS presents a unique opportunity for collaborative research that supports the policies of the National Shellfish Initiative announced by NOAA and DOC in June 2011, and responds directly and positively to NRC and MMC recommendations regarding collaborative efforts to inform adaptive management of Drakes Estero.

Correspondence ID: 49459 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Seltzer, John
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:23:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been going to The Pt. Reyes area for nearly 40 years. One of the great attractions is the oyster farm on Drakes Bay. The current owners have done an exceptional job in cleaning up the facility and surrounding area. Additionally, they provide educational walks and explanations as to the manner in which the oysters grow, and how they are harvested and sorted. I fully support their continued use of the land and waters in and around their oyster farm business.

Correspondence ID: 49460 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Moodie, Harold
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:27:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow the oyster farm to continue operation.

Correspondence ID: 49461 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hayakawa, Hilary
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:27:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I SUPPORT THE COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IN THE FINAL DBOC SUP EIS.

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

Correspondence ID: 49462 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McHenry, Katie R
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:33:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49463 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Carion, Harriet
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:34:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let the alternative that allows the folks who have worked long and hard to build a living out of the area, as well as providing access for now and future residents of the area.

Correspondence ID: 49464 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Senauer, Ben
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:34:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of the collaborative alternative for the Drakes Bay Oyster Farm special use permit.

Correspondence ID: 49465 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Miller, Brian
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:36:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49466 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Aldridge, Mari A
Outside Organization: YMCA Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:36:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company."

Correspondence ID: 49467 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Huddleson, John H
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:37:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the alternative that allows continued operation of the Drakes Bay oyster farm

Correspondence ID: 49468 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:38:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49469 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Malapaya, Michael Z
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04.2011 18:43:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49470 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Montgomery, Larry A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04.2011 18:45:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

I have been a customer of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company for approximately 25 years. In that time, I have been impressed with the quality of their products, their business attitude, and with the many jobs they have created and maintained for California citizens. I urge the "powers that be" to keep in mind the importance of the jobs the business represents, and of how tragic the loss of this business and these jobs would be to the workers.

Correspondence ID: 49471 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Marris, Kathleen
Outside Organization: Member of EAC and Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04.2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE: A Ten-Year Special Use Permit with Option for Extension; Rehabilitation of Existing Facilities; and Construction of New Processing Facilities This alternative permits DBOC to continue to utilize onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero pursuant to its leases from the California Department of Fish and Game [CDFG]. DBOC would pay "fair market value" for use of the onshore facilities, which would take into account the value of interpretive services provided and the investment needed to rehabilitate existing facilities and construct new processing facilities. The rehabilitation and construction work would be as described in the discussion of Alternative D. Under this alternative, DBOC will collaborate with relevant organizations, including but not limited to the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture. This alternative is consistent with the "national interest" expressed in President Clinton's May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce (DOC) and Interior to expand and strengthen the "Nation's system of marine protected areas." It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), a protected area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to CDFG leases are permitted. DBOC's operation within a SMCA and PRNS presents a unique opportunity for collaborative research that supports the policies of the National Shellfish Initiative [Initiative] announced by NOAA and DOC in June 2011, and responds directly and positively to NRC and MMC recommendations regarding collaborative efforts to inform adaptive management of Drakes Estero. This alternative supports the goals of the Initiative, which are to increase domestic seafood production, create sustainable jobs and restore marine habitats. It provides opportunities for research as called for by the Initiative, "?on the interactions between shellfish and the environment in terms of climate change, ocean acidification, naturally occurring pathogens and parasites, and other factors . . ." This alternative supports DBOC's efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global ocean acidification now beginning to affect all Pacific coast shellfish. This alternative sustainably supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of ethnically diverse visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide over half of the San Francisco Bay Area's sustainably farmed shellfish. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for farmworkers on remote Point Reyes ranches. Under this alternative, DBOC will continue to provide essential oyster shell for environmental programs, such as the San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Project, the SF Bay Bird Observatory Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement Project and the California Department of Fish and Game Least Tern Habitat Enhancement Project. This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49472 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Morehead, Iva
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04.2011 18:50:13
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: 49473 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Schilling, Joel
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:50:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49474 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Vetterlein, David A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:53:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS." This will improve enhance the Park experience for visitors at a time when funding is limited.

David Vetterlein

Correspondence ID: 49475 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Santos, Norman L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:54:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I SUPPORT THE COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IN THE FINAL DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49476 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: rabeux, jean-philippe
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:59:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the oyster farm open

Correspondence ID: 49477 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Mariolle, Jan
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 18:59:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the continued use permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Farm. The Farm is an asset to our community and provides a wonderful example of sustainable food production for our children. I think we can simultaneously protect our valuable lands, while using them in a carefully examined way. I think the most important model to aim for is a system in which work, recreation, and food production are intertwined, creating a balanced use of land while protecting beauty and habitat. Raising food locally is not only an economically sound idea, but it helps create a unique identity and source of pride for our communities. Please allow the Drakes Bay Oyster Farm to continue its business of both raising delicious Oysters and preserving valuable skills which can be observed by all those interesting in exploring the little road down to the farm.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Jan Mariolle

Correspondence ID: 49478 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Stenberg, Becky V
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 19:08:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49479 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Corte, John L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 19:11:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Management Collective Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS,

Correspondence ID: 49480 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Grossman, Kristina A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 19:14:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the Final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49481 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Minor, Tad
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 19:17:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

I feel it would be a tragedy to close the farm when there has been no evidence of environmental harm. In fact, the local sustainable production of food from an existing farm seems environmentally sensible. The farm provides so many opportunities for mutual benefit to all stakeholders. Why is the park wasting so much of our tax revenue to destroy something that provides great value to the local community, visitors to the park and the environment as a whole?

Correspondence ID: 49482 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fick, C
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 19:18:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49483 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hunt, Jannine
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 19:19:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49484 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sokolsky, Gayle
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 19:19:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Name: Modic, Tom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 19:26:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the collaborative management initiative for Drake's Bay. I have been going there for oysters for over 30 years, and find them to be the best and the site to be much improved from the old days (sorry Mr. Johnson!).

The real pollution problem on Point Reyes is the cows and hordes of tourists. Drake's Estero is a wonderful small inlet that is tops for hiking and kayaking, and the best possible place to put an oyster operation.

PLEASE LET IT CONTINUE!

Correspondence ID: 49486 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Taylor, Jim
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 19:36:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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

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

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Correspondence ID: 49487 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Del Pino, Stephanie
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,04,2011 19:36:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49488 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Marantz, Jamie

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,04,2011 19:37:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I wholeheartedly support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

These oyster farms do less ecological damage than the cows that are allowed to graze and drink at local water sources.

Correspondence ID: 49489 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Checherin, Oleg V

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,04,2011 19:37:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49490 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: McCann, Janice

Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,04,2011 19:38:02

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: Plock, Raymond S
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 19:39:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49493 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McAllister, Philip
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Drake's bay Oyster farm is a great place to visit within point reyes.

Correspondence ID: 49494 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Frantz, Pamela
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 19:44:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49495 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gower, Douglas
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 19:48:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I first heard of the Collaborative Management Alternative this week in the Point Reyes Light. This seems to be the most reasonable solution to the disparate alternatives voiced thus far.

My family and I have supported the initiatives and will continue to support the best plan to allow the Drakes Bay Oyster Co. continue to operate and continue to be an important part of the community.

Sincerely,

Douglas & Kathryn Gower

Correspondence ID: 49496 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Casillas, Victoria
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 19:49:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49497 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sullivan, Gail
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 19:49:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49498 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bates, Jack
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 19:49:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49499 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 19:51:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We have foreign entities operating concessions in National Parks, why the opposition to allowing the oyster farm to continue? I visit every time I travel to California. Please allow the oyster farm to continue! R Cusick

Correspondence ID: 49500 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Rugg, Mike E
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the following option:

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Correspondence ID: 49501 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 19:56:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49502 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Singson, Margaret
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 20:14:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49503 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Densmore, Bob
Outside Organization: Marin Country Day School Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 20:14:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Bay Oyster Company

As you know, none of the NPS DEIS alternatives (A, B, C or D) were acceptable.

We now have an Alternative that I can actually support---the "Collaborative Management Alternative" "I support the

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Correspondence ID: 49504 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 20:15:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep the Oyster Farm

Correspondence ID: 49505 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lewis, Steven F
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 20:16:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49506 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Golling, Paul
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 20:17:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep Drakes Bay Oysters open and available to everyone! I no longer support Sierra Club. They are idiots.

Correspondence ID: 49507 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Erickson, Lee
Outside Organization: Erickson Ranch Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

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Correspondence ID: 49508 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lappin, James B
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 20:23:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This really should be a no-brainer. The Drakes Bay Oyster Company act as responsible stewards for the land that they use, and this newest compromise should be a win-win situation for all parties involved.

Correspondence ID: 49509 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 20:29:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49510 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fuerstenberg, Susan I
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 20:38:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49511 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hutchins, Colleen
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 20:39:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49512 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bickers, Bob
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 20:40:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I've enjoyed the Drake's By Oyster Co. for years now and consider it an asset to the park system as are many of the historic enterprises located in the NPS system. This is a low impact operation, run by ethical people who deserve the ability to continue to add to the park experience.

Correspondence ID: 49513 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Finley, Eugene
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 20:41:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID:	49514	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 20:41:41				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49515	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Manetta, Deborah				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 20:42:39				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	"I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."				
Correspondence ID:	49516	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 20:43:03				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Not only that, these are some of the tastiest oysters i've ever had and I believe that Drakes Bay Oyster Company are cultivating them in a conscientious manner.				
Correspondence ID:	49517	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Guthrie, Kevin				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 20:48:06				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49518	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Morgan, Ellen S				
Outside Organization:	National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 20:49:09				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	<p>Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.</p> <p>Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.</p> <p>Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.</p> <p>I urge you to return Drakes Estero to all Americans by selecting alternative "A" and ensuring full wilderness protection for Drakes Estero in 2012. It is time to protect Drakes Estero as Congress intended and to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the benefit of people and wildlife.</p>				
Correspondence ID:	49519	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Hayhurst, Evelyn				
Outside Organization:	National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,04,2011 20:49:19				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	<p>Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.</p> <p>Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches,</p>				

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Correspondence ID: 49520 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Murray, Dan
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 20:50:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello, I would like to express my support for keeping Drakes Oyster Co. open and operational in it's current location. Having obtained my Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology and now working for a Bay Area biotech company specializing in algae I must say that I was concerned when I heard that Drake's was under threat of losing it's lease. As disturbing are accounts of misconduct by the National Park Service in their handling of this case against the Drakes Oyster Co. Thank you Dan Murray

Correspondence ID: 49521 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Stevens, Lester J
Outside Organization: None Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 20:57:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49522 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Phillips, John
Outside Organization: Dancing Coyote Beach Bed and Breakfast Business
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As an owner of a bd and breakfast on the outskirts of the Point Reyes National Seashore. I know that our guests enjoy many aspects of the park. They hike, they bird, they view wildlife and enjoy the wildflowers. In addition they enjoy experiencing an integration of the wildlife and the farms in the area. They get to see cows and eat the cheese that is made from their milk. They also get to eat local oysters and learn the importance of a healthy aqua environment in which the oysters thrive. I support the renewal of the lease for the Drakes Bay Oyster Company. In addition, I believe that this least should be renewable in ten year increments. That is the only approach that allows farmers make the long range financial decisions necessary to develop a successful farming enterprise.

Correspondence ID: 49523 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Soncuya, Erlinda R
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:03:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I very much support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

I remain,

Erlinda Soncuya

Correspondence ID: 49524 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Beck, Barbara
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:04:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49525 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:05:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49526 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Staples, Hilary
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,04,2011 21:06:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. I think that allowing ecosystem protection, while still allowing education and sustainable fisheries is the best alternative.

Correspondence ID: 49527 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Raposo, Patricia L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:07:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49528 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:08:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Another reason to vote third party! time for revolt! Vote for anything OTHER than REP. OR DEM. LET'S MAKE BOTH BLUE AND RED STATES EXTINCT!!

Phuc'n Washington idjuts!!!

Correspondence ID: 49529 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: DeNicasio, Abby
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:09:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS,

Please support the sustainable plan put forth by Drake's Oyster Farm. They are a valuable asset to the community and would be missed immensely.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, Abby DeNicasio

Correspondence ID: 49530 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Brandt, Louise G
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:13:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Let them grow oysters in Drakes Bay, CA. Let us eat fresh local oysters. Let the oysters live and clean the waters, naturally. Win, win, win.

Thank you, Louise G. Brandt

Correspondence ID: 49531 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wollenberg, Sandra K
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative to the final DBOC SUP EIS, and believe it is of vital importance for the good of the people, earth, and economy, as stated below:

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Thank you, Sandra Wollenberg

Correspondence ID: 49532 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hirsch, James A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:18:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear P.E.P.C., I have visited and been a patron of Johnson's Drake Bay Oyster farm for two decades....It is imperative to keep this family business alive. It provides jobs,needed housing and a sustainable product which is fabulous....Please look at the practical side and not from a bureaucratic vision... Johnson's farm is a landmark business and very carefully maintained....We should be looking at the side of the worker that is needed in this country now,not taking away jobs but keeping a valuable landmark business alive and thriving. Sincerely James A. Hirsch

Correspondence ID: 49533 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McIntyre, Micah
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:19:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49534 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Grabowski, Kathy
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:19:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49535 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Stedwell, Kegan
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:21:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49536 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ralph, Talissa K
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:23:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management alternative in the Drakes Bay Oyster Co. SUP EIS. This sounds like a very feasible plan for all. We would greatly miss the oyster farm if it had to be closed down. My family has been stopping there for oysters since the 60's. We go there every year. It really is part of the Pt. Reyes experience. It has also become a great place to bird watch. It is realistic and educational to have such a traditional business inside the park. And the oysters are wonderful! Talissa Ralph

Correspondence ID: 49537 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:24:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

I have been going to the Drakes Bay Oyster farm since I was a child. I believe in supporting local business instead of importing from other regions.

Correspondence ID: 49538 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Cohen, Jeffrey
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:24:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49539 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Nall, Collin
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:25:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49540 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

I am originally from California. My family took me to the Oyster farm and I intend on returning

Correspondence ID: 49541 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: K, Paul
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:28:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49542 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:34:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49543 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bykle, Tron
Outside Organization: College of Marin Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:34:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drake's Bay Oyster Co. has existed for several generations, in that time they have been stewards of the land they are on. On a recent trip to the company to buy some oysters I was aware of how little they have impacted the area where they are. It's in their best interest to maintain the area as healthy as possible. To challenge or try and remove this business is an affront to anyone who cares about the area or happens to enjoy high quality oysters. There is a demand for their product! I have heard it mentioned that they could be replaced with oysters from other western states. What about the carbon footprint?! We have a wonderful local source! I have also read that if the Company was closed it wouldn't impact many people. As far as I'm aware, they are one of the largest employers of western Marin. At a time in our history where people are beginning to express more concern for the way things are done, any attempts to close such a well established and cherished company simply doesn't make sense. Buy local and fresh is a common mantra. I love eating local foods. These oysters are a local specialty that I care about. I believe that Drake's Bay Oysters care about their product and would like to continue taking care of the environment around them as well. I am simply a concerned citizen, I am in no way affiliated with the Company. Take the resources amassed to challenge Drake's Bay Oyster Co. and use them for something meaningful such as going after farmed fish or some other endeavor that does harm the environment. Leave the stewards who have been doing such a wonderful job continue to do what they have done: safeguarding and monitoring the space and waters around them. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Tron Bykle

Correspondence ID: 49544 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Chizmar, Lawrence E
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:39:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the collaborative management alternative for the DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49545 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ziajka, Judith
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Please do keep the oyster farm at Pt. Reyes in operation.

Correspondence ID: 49546 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Liechty, David
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness. My life as I know it changed the first time I visited Point Reyes with my brother in December, 2008. It was a trip we took on a whim, and looking back, it was the best decision I ever made. 5 months later, I took my girlfriend there, and 8 months later, I was married there at McClure's Beach. I took my daughter there for the first time this last June, 2011. I've been to a lot of beautiful places, but Point Reyes remains the most magical place I've visited, the center of what I deem to be all that is beautiful in this world. Leave it as it is, as it has been.

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49547 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: KORONDY, ELIZABETH D
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:47:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49548 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Flessel, Creig P
Outside Organization: Point Reyes Bird Observatory/Environmental Action Committee Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:48:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Re: Drakes Bay Oyster Company (DBOC) Lease Renewal

I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

DBOC is a treasured resource for all Californians, if not the entire west coast. Preserve this priceless sustainable aquacultural treasure for present and future generations. The place is like a vanishing species. Once lost, it will be gone forever. The bottom line is that DBOC's well managed oyster harvesting operation is completely compatible with the harbor seal habitat nearby. The National Park Service knows this very well. And so do most almost all of us who have been paying attention to the facts revealed in the public record during DBOC lease renewal process.

Save DBOC. Support the Collaborative Management Alternative.

Correspondence ID: 49549 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Dehaini, Sandy
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:49:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

Correspondence ID: 49550 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Welsh-Holder, Jackie
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 21:49:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49551 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been a fulltime resident of West Marin for the last 35 years. I strongly support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS, which would provide for a 10-year Special Use Permit with an option for extension, as well as rehabilitation of existing facilities and construction of new processing facilities. I strongly support this Collaborative Management Alternative because it would permit DBOC to continue to utilize onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero pursuant to its leases from the California Department of Fish and Game [CDFG]. DBOC would pay "fair market value" for use of the on-shore facilities, which would take into account the value of interpretive services provided and the investment needed to rehabilitate existing facilities and construct new processing facilities. Under this alternative DBOC will collaborate with relevant organizations, including but not limited to the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture. I strongly support this Collaborative Management Alternative because it is consistent with the "national interest" expressed in President Clinton's May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce (DOC) and Interior to expand and strengthen the "Nation's system of marine protected areas." It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), a protected area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to CDFG leases are permitted. DBOC's operation within a SMCA and PRNS presents a unique opportunity for collaborative research that supports the policies of the National Shellfish Initiative [Initiative] announced by NOAA and DOC in June 2011, and responds directly and positively to NRC and MMC recommendations regarding collaborative efforts to inform adaptive management of Drakes Estero. I strongly support this Collaborative Management Alternative because it supports the goals of the Initiative, which are to increase domestic seafood production, create sustainable jobs and restore marine habitats. It provides opportunities for research as called for by the Initiative, "on the interactions between shellfish and the environment in terms of climate change, ocean acidification, naturally occurring pathogens and parasites, and other factors . . ." This alternative supports DBOC's efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global ocean acidification now beginning to affect all Pacific coast shellfish. I strongly support this Collaborative Management Alternative because it supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of ethnically diverse visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide over half of the San Francisco Bay Area's shellfish, farmed in a sustainable manner. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for its farm workers. Furthermore, under this alternative, DBOC will continue to provide essential oyster shell for environmental programs, such as the San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Project, the SF Bay Bird Observatory Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement Project and the California Department of Fish and Game Least Tern Habitat Enhancement Project. I strongly support this Collaborative Management Alternative because it supports a unique landscape that is both ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and it enables PRNS to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working landscape and seascape, while maintaining the Seashore's distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49552 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 22:03:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49553 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 22:03:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49554 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Liechty, David
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop

over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness. My life as I know it changed the first time I visited Point Reyes with my brother in December, 2008. It was a trip we took on a whim, and looking back, it was the best decision I ever made. 5 months later, I took my girlfriend there, and 8 months later, I was married there at McClure's Beach. I took my daughter there for the first time this last June, 2011. I've been to a lot of beautiful places, but Point Reyes remains the most magical place I've visited, the center of what I deem to be all that is beautiful in this world. Leave it as it is, as it has been.

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: 49555 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: yancy, scott m
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 22:15:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49556 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Barrett, Lisa
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 22:19:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

Correspondence ID: 49557 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Matz, Kevin
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 22:19:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49558 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Drakes Bay Oyster Farm is a great and valued natural resource. I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49559 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Smith, Dean
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 22:26:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

It is time the NPS abandon the faulty scientific data - that DBOC operation has harmed and/or disturbed seals - and now work towards a solution that allows sustainable, organic agriculture to coexist with the NPS's vision of "wilderness."

Correspondence ID: 49560 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Torresan, Michael E
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

To do otherwise is not the American Way.

This alternative permits DBOC to continue to utilize onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero pursuant to its leases from the California Department of Fish and Game [CDFG]. DBOC would pay "fair market value" for use of the on-shore facilities, which would take into account the value of interpretive services provided and the investment needed to rehabilitate existing facilities and construct new processing facilities. The rehabilitation and construction work would be as described in the discussion of Alternative D. Under this alternative, DBOC will collaborate with relevant organizations, including but not limited to the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture. This alternative is consistent with the "national interest" expressed in President Clinton's May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce (DOC) and Interior to expand and strengthen the "Nation's system of marine protected areas." It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), a protected area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to CDFG leases are permitted. DBOC's operation within a SMCA and PRNS presents a unique opportunity for collaborative research that supports the policies of the National Shellfish Initiative [Initiative] announced by NOAA and DOC in June 2011, and responds directly and positively to NRC and MMC recommendations regarding collaborative efforts to inform adaptive management of Drakes Estero. This alternative supports the goals of the Initiative, which are to increase domestic seafood production, create sustainable jobs and restore marine habitats. It provides opportunities for research as called for by the Initiative, "?on the interactions between shellfish and the environment in terms of climate change, ocean acidification, naturally occurring pathogens and parasites, and other factors . . ." This alternative supports DBOC's efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global ocean acidification now beginning to affect all Pacific coast shellfish. This alternative sustainably supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of ethnically diverse visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide over half of the San Francisco Bay Area's sustainably farmed shellfish. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for farmworkers on remote Point Reyes ranches. Under this alternative, DBOC will continue to provide essential oyster shell for environmental programs, such as the San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Project, the SF Bay Bird Observatory Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement Project and the California Department of Fish and Game Least Tern Habitat Enhancement Project. This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49561 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: barrie, lori
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 22:49:54
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: 49562 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Inman, Debra
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 22:49:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49563 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Pilon, Daniel P
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 22:54:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49564 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: chapple, steve c
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 23:02:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Bay Oyster Farm does not hurt the pristine integrity of the parkland. it helps it. it is a reminder of the history and culture of the park. It should remain, certainly throughout the lease time and lifetime of the current owners.

Sincerely,

Steve Chapple San Diego

Correspondence ID: 49565 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Frantz, D
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 23:07:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Unfortunately this is not the best option, however it is the best alternative and I would like to see the Park Service make this happen. Thank you for your consideration and review.

Correspondence ID: 49566 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Franklin, Linda
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 23:07:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I wholeheartedly support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

my family has been visiting this farm for 40 years. I support this alternative which permits DBOC to continue to utilize onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero pursuant to its leases from the California Department of Fish and Game [CDFG]. I like that locally produced healthy seafood will continue to be available, that educational opportunities will be provided for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture, increases domestic seafood production, creates sustainable jobs and restores marine habitats. This alternative supports DBOC's efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global ocean acidification now beginning to affect all Pacific coast shellfish. This alternative sustainably supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of ethnically diverse visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide over half of the San Francisco Bay Area's sustainably farmed shellfish. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for farmworkers on remote Point Reyes ranches. Under this alternative, DBOC will continue to provide essential oyster shell for environmental programs, such as the San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Project, the SF Bay Bird Observatory Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement Project and the California Department of Fish and

Game Least Tern Habitat Enhancement Project. This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Please do not shut down this valuable resource

Correspondence ID: 49567 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Walker, Jack B
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 23:10:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. This farm has been a great place that me and my family has visited for the past 20 plus years. There's got to be a way for the present owners to maintain control of the farm and I support any plan that will allow them to do that.

Please allow the present owners to continue to manage the Oyster Farm.

Thanks, Jack Walker

Correspondence ID: 49568 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ramirez, Mirna
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 23:11:30
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.

Correspondence ID: 49569 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Siegel, Hannah L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 23:17:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49570 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kurko, Dee Dee
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.04,2011 23:18:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

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Correspondence ID: 49571 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Schultz, Ken
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 23:19:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I spent my childhood in Marin in the 1950s and '60s. A wonderful memory was going out to Drake's Bay with my father to explore the beaches, watch the birds (he knew them all) and stop for some fresh oysters on the way home. I believe that if done correctly, oysters can be farmed in Drakes Bay with no negative impact on the ecology of the area, and with some revenues to the Park. The new "Collaborative Management Alternative" appears to offer a way to assure continued farming would be done correctly.

Oyster farming is now being restored to Agua Hedionda lagoon here in San Diego county. This is a good measure of the restored health of the lagoon.

I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Thank you.

Ken Schultz

Correspondence ID: 49572 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 23:25:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow the Drakes Bay Oyster Company to continue to have a special use permit so we can eat oysters. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 49573 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Walz, Amy
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 23:41:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49574 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wapenski, Ashley
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,04,2011 23:48:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49575 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Carapetian, Armen

Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,04,2011 23:48:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49576 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Mak, Siu

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,04,2011 23:49:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49577 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: cornish, sarah

Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,04,2011 23:50:46

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: 49578 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Young, Aaliyah
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 23:51:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49579 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,04,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Grow food locally. Keep the farm open and working.

Correspondence ID: 49580 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:03:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49581 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Guardineer, Gary B
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:06:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49582 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Eckhard, Daniel C.
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:11:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Howdy, I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final Drakes Bay Oyster Co. Special Use Permit EIS. The DBOC is a wonderful place to visit when we kayak Drake's Estero, and it's sustainable farming of oysters is to be commended.

Correspondence ID: 49583 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Grau, David
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:23:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. The time for healing of the wounds of this conflict has come. I stand with a large number of members of the public who love Point Reyes National Seashore and all its inhabitants. We want the oyster company to continue to operate within the seashore. Thank you for listening to us.

David Grau

Correspondence ID: 49584 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:24:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49585 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Muss, Jeffrey
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:48:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49586 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Denman, Alexandra
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:48:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49587 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Goldfield, Joyce
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:55:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I, Joyce Goldfield of Inverness, strongly support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Please don't take away one of our most valuable, clean, healthy food supplies.....and.....one of the areas finest teaching facilities to help visitors see and appreciate responsible oyster farming and land and estero stewardship.

Correspondence ID: 49588 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Mandel, David L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 01:06:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Finally, an alternative that makes sense. I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the

final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49589 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ryon, Richard W
Outside Organization: American Citizen Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 01:07:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: At last good sense has come to the fore. The Collaborative Management Alternative protects the environment, enhances educational programs, sustains the economy of the Point Reyes region, and I and thousands of others can enjoy the produce of Drakes Bay provided by the oyster company.

I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49590 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wood, Alonzo K
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 01:38:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Under this alternative, DBOC will collaborate with the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture.

This alternative supports the goals of the Initiative, which are to increase domestic seafood production, create sustainable jobs and restore marine habitats. It provides opportunities for research as called for by the Initiative on the interactions between shellfish and the environment in terms of climate change, ocean acidification, naturally occurring pathogens and parasites, and other factors.

This alternative is consistent with the national interest expressed the May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce and Interior to expand and strengthen the nation's system of marine protected areas. It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to leases are permitted.

Correspondence ID: 49591 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: James, Thoams
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 01:56:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49592 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Conlan, Ione N
Outside Organization: Conlan Ranches California Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 02:23:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Collaborative management alternative for Drakes Bay Oyster Company, in my view, is an excellent balancing of equities.

Let us proceed to allow this concept. As noted December 1, 2011, in the Pt.Reyes Light, by our local erudite scholar, and guest columnist, Dr. Jeff Creque page four:

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Bravo! Well said and I, my entire family, friends and business associates all agree!

Ione Conlan, Conlan Ranches California

Correspondence ID: 49593 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kenneth, Armann
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,05,2011 03:28:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49594 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Montgomery, Bruce D
Outside Organization: Home Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 04:45:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep the farm open.

Correspondence ID: 49595 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sun, Jane
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 05:27:04
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.

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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.

Correspondence ID: 49596 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Franks, Elizabeth R
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 05:41:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49597 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Cunningham, Keith E
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,05,2011 06:35:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49598 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: LeClaire, Nicholas A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 06:51:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am taking the time to write this to the National Park Service to let you know that I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. The heart of the matter is the collaborative order in which we deal with the landscape. Executive Order 13158 seeks to establish MPA's that protect natural and cultural significance. Point Reyes as a whole is a unique place that houses human interaction with the land, most as dairy famrs. With respect to Drakes Bay, we find that unlike the farms, we have a unique opportunity to continue and observe a natural coexistence with an estuary that has occurred for hundreds of years. Facility improvements, interpretive programs and educational opportunities used in collaboration with DBOC can only benefit the region. Helping maintain sustainable jobs, while creating research of native oyster population. As we move forward in this century, collaboration is a major key to success is consideration of alternatives and opportunities to construct sustainable human interactions with the land and water. The intent of this alternative can only further our relationship with the Drakes Bay and can serve as a model for interaction with the Landscape in which we live.

Thank you Nick LeClaire

Correspondence ID: 49599 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: WEST, GEORGE A
Outside Organization: VISITOR Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 07:10:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I want you to know that I DO SUPPORT THE Collaborative Management Alternative for the Drakes Bay Oyster Company. Please work with them as you are now doing. Thanks, George

Correspondence ID: 49600 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Roberts, Charles R
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 07:26:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49601 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bannerman, Betsy
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 07:27:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the COllaborative Management Alternative.

Correspondence ID: 49602 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Westgate, Michael
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 07:27:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative that would give the Drakes Bay Oyster Farm the long term lease they need, with options to renew.

The other alternatives in the EIS give insufficient weight to the economic benefits (jobs), environmental benefits (oysters benefit the environment), and other human benefits (healthy, local food to eat--fresh oysters).

I have visited Drakes Bay Oyster Farm and can vouch for the quality of their operation. National Park Service should see them as a shining example of how a private enterprise can teach all of us some of the values for which NPS stands, within a National Seashore.

We have a National Seashore on Cape Cod and want to see operations on both coasts treat environmentally sound businesses with appropriate respect, on terms that make sense for both the business and the public.

Correspondence ID: 49603 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ganoung, Dave L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 07:29:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49604 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Onizuka, Galen
Outside Organization: Golden ate Fishermans assoc. Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 07:37:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Galen Onizuka

Correspondence ID: 49605 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sunkel, Sue
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Thank you for continuing to work for a solution that is agreeable and fair to everyone.

Correspondence ID: 49606 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Mader, Terry
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 07:49:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Holmes, Kim
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 07:50:20
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Correspondence ID: 49608 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Henry, Mallika

Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 07:50:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49609 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wilson, Tom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 07:55:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49610 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Froriep, Dale
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 07:59:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49611 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: mclaughlin, kirk a
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:00:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49612 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Melville, Colin
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:03:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Shutting down the Drake's Bay Oyster Farm would remove a family-owned sustainable aquaculture farm that has been in place for many years.

Correspondence ID: 49613 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Baez, Kim
Outside Organization: Noble Quail Corp Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:10:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In an era when clean, sustainable food sources are becoming more rare-we need the oyster and clam farms.

This, in part, is a political ploy by Darrell Issa to hurt a largely Democrat based community. He is shameless in the lies and vulgar language he will use to that end.

Correspondence ID: 49614 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Williams, Charles R
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:11:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID:	49615	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Grace, Mathew				
Outside Organization:	National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 08:21:21				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	<p>Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.</p> <p>Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.</p> <p>Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.</p> <p>I urge you to return Drakes Estero to all Americans by selecting alternative "A" and ensuring full wilderness protection for Drakes Estero in 2012. It is time to protect Drakes Estero as Congress intended and to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the benefit of people and wildlife.</p>				
Correspondence ID:	49616	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Antonio, Joseph C				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 08:31:46				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49617	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Steele, Mary E				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 08:34:32				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49618	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Paterno, Maria				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 00:00:00				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	My husband and I are regular visitors to Point Reyes National Seashore. We support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49619	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Berrien, Curtis				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 08:40:11				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Please approve this EIS to support a sustainable commercial operation and culturally important enterprise				
Correspondence ID:	49620	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Shaw, Robert D				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 08:43:30				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	To many small businesses are being shut down in todays world not to mention that people enjoy going to drakes oyster farm to purchase oyster,I really cant see how they are hurting the environment on the contrary they provide a quality abd ego freindly product the thought of the government interfering with this operation is I suppose typical,its what they do and the people of this country are getting sick of it Renew their lease unless you have a better Ideal that will give people work in an ego friendly way,Im guessing you would just let that land sit and not benifit any body				
Correspondence ID:	49621	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Knapp, Ron				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 08:49:05				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				

Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49622 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Vitale, Angela
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:49:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49623 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Moderacki, Deidre
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:50:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Prove to me that you value the environment.

Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012.

I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and fully protect Drakes Estero as the West Coast's only marine wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 49624 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McConoughey, Tamra
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:50:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49625 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Welch, Taylor J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:51:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Drakes Bay Oyster Company. Furthermore, I believe that sustainably farmed oysters improve the environment and do not harm it in any way. Drakes Bay Oyster Company is good for the environment and I demand you allow them to remain open. Sincerely, Taylor Welch

Correspondence ID: 49626 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wilson, Debra B
Outside Organization: Contra Costa Country Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:51:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49627 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Terry, David
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:56:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49628 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: tobin, timothy g
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:58:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We should all be supportive in keeping Drakes Bay Oyster farming viable. Timothy G. Tobin

Correspondence ID: 49629 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Welborn, Jim H
Outside Organization: Chico Paddleheads Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 08:59:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49630 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, ROBERT
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 09:01:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49631 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Mestayer Jr, Jorge M
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 09:03:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49632 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Burns, Terrie
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 09:11:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49633 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McGuire, Tom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 09:15:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49634 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 09:19:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49635 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Williams, Kevin

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 09:20:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I frequently hike the trails at Pt Reyes National Park. It is magnificent to say the least. I often see the Drakes Oyster company oyster beds and they do not detract from the experience at all. Enjoying their oysters I know that they are locally grown and clean; I like supporting local business and jobs. Please do not take away their lease. Regards, Kevin Williams

Correspondence ID: 49636 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Cameron, Casie E
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 09:26:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep this farm open. My family has benefited greatly from coming here over the years. We all learn a lot, and it is so nice to be able to come and spend the day. Also, these oysters are delicious. They are a real gem from the coast of California.

Correspondence ID: 49637 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Michelsen, catherine t
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 09:30:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the collaborative management alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49638 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: May, kat
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 09:33:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49639 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Blumenthal, Maureen G
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE: A Ten-Year Special Use Permit with Option for Extension; Rehabilitation of Existing Facilities; and Construction of New Processing Facilities This alternative permits DBOC to continue to utilize onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero pursuant to its leases from the California Department of Fish and Game [CDFG]. DBOC would pay "fair market value" for use of the onshore facilities, which would take into account the value of interpretive services provided and the investment needed to rehabilitate existing facilities and construct new processing facilities. The rehabilitation and construction work would be as described in the discussion of Alternative D. Under this alternative, DBOC will collaborate with relevant organizations, including but not limited to the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture. This alternative is consistent with the "national interest" expressed in President Clinton's May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce (DOC) and Interior to expand and strengthen the "Nation's system of marine protected areas." It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), a protected area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to CDFG leases are permitted. DBOC's operation within a SMCA and PRNS presents a unique opportunity for collaborative research that supports the policies of the National Shellfish Initiative [Initiative] announced by NOAA and DOC in June 2011, and responds directly and positively to NRC and MMC recommendations regarding collaborative efforts to inform adaptive management of Drakes Estero. This alternative supports the goals of the Initiative, which are to increase domestic seafood production, create sustainable jobs and restore marine habitats. It provides opportunities for research as called for by the Initiative, "?on the interactions between shellfish and the environment in terms of climate change, ocean acidification, naturally occurring pathogens and parasites, and other factors . . ." This alternative supports DBOC's efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global ocean acidification now beginning to affect all Pacific coast shellfish. This alternative sustainably supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of ethnically diverse visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide over half of the San Francisco Bay Area's sustainably farmed shellfish. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for farmworkers on remote Point Reyes ranches. Under this alternative, DBOC will continue to provide essential oyster shell for environmental programs, such as the San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Project, the SF Bay Bird Observatory Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement Project and the California Department of Fish and Game Least Tern Habitat Enhancement Project. This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49640 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: HAY, EA
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 09:36:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I wholly support the continued operation of existing oyster farming in Drake's Bay. Oysters and other shellfish are an indigenous food industry which predates even the arrival of European settlers to this area. The oyster farm, likewise, is a fine example of sustainable agriculture, which predates the protections of the National Park Service and which furthers NPS goals as described in its initiatives for sustained, zero-impact operation. Moreover, in these trying economic times of global fiscal crises, when people are beginning to question the wisdom of their federal and local governments, preserving the continued operation of and partnership with Drakes Bay oyster farmers makes good sense and would set a fine example of the federal government working with local management to create a demonstrable, sustained, measured successful stewardship - operating wholly within and in full participation with NPS goals and guidelines.

Correspondence ID: 49641 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Tom, Gary F
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 09:38:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC Sup EIS.

My family have come to DBOC for the past 20 years for the fresh oysters and natural sights. We drive 1 1/2 hours to get there. We support the DBOC alternative. We also utilize the Pt. Reyes National Seashore Park facilities and attractions.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 49642 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Huddleson, Shirley A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 09:39:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49643 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Miles, Lori
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 09:39:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49644 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Harrison, Carolyn K
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 09:40:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am greatly in favor of the Collaborative Management plan proposed by the Oyster Farm. I remember reading about how east coast oysters had really cleaned up Chesapeake Bay, and would like to see a study done here. My thought is that the Oyster Farm in no way detracts from the National Seashore Park, but enhances it. We have enjoyed the Point Reyes Seashore for many years, and have enjoyed getting oysters as part of our visit, for the past few years.

Correspondence ID: 49645 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Johnson, H MArk
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support this proposal:

COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE:

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Correspondence ID:	49646	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	May, Gerald A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 09:46:44				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				

Correspondence ID:	49647	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Fenerty, Susan				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 09:47:47				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the continued operation of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company as being sensitive to both environmental and public concerns in my observation and experience.				

Correspondence ID:	49648	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Khan, Laura				
Outside Organization:	National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 09:50:10				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.				

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Correspondence ID:	49649	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Puopolo, Carol M				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 09:52:04				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	"I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS				

Correspondence ID:	49650	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Feyling, Paul				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 09:52:45				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				

Finally an alternative that makes sense and that gives the option of continuation for the oyster farm - a marvelous resource for the region and the state.

Correspondence ID:	49651	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Lee, Brian				
Outside Organization:	Home Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 09:54:06				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Keep Drakes Bay Oyster Farm alive!				

Correspondence ID:	49652	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Eddings, Leon				
Outside Organization:	Private Citizen Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 09:59:36				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	We support alternate "D" for the lease renewal of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company. Lorie and Leon Eddings				

Correspondence ID:	49653	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Carlson, Ray				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 10:03:17				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	"I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."				

Correspondence ID:	49654	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	stewart, mary margaret				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 10:06:13				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				

Correspondence ID:	49656	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Bennett, Robert				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 10:14:35				
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Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 10:16:40				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	We support the DBOF, and hope that Park Service allows them to continue. Great place, no problems, and sure doesn't hurt the Seashore. Collaborative management certainly should work for all. Thanks.				

Correspondence ID:	49658	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Correspondence ID:	49659	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Herron, Gary				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 10:18:40				
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Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				

Correspondence ID:	49661	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Green, George S				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec,05,2011 10:21:29				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	It is absurd to have a dozen dairy farms on Pt. Reyes and attack an oyster farm that is unobtrusive, does no damage to the environment, onshore or off, and has been a thriving business for decades, supported by the state legislature --and thousands of				

clients.

Correspondence ID: 49662 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: alscher, pinar m
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 10:26:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. this proposal sounds fair and equitable. it will give continued support to DBOC-a company that i, and many other east bay-ers have enjoyed visiting and supporting. it would maintain the economic lively hood of the works and DBOC and give recognition to this beautiful park land that we have in california. it also shows how we can live and work with nature, supporting the enviornment to this careful and thoughtful planning to make the area truly sustainable. the waters in the estuary are clean and the area is beautifully preserved. DBOC recognizes that the eco system is part of their lively hood and work to maintain this pristine eco system.

thank you for reading my comment

Correspondence ID: 49664 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Araiza, Victoria
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 10:29:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49665 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Villegas, Iris
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 10:30:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the collaborative management alternative as the preferred alternative in the DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49666 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 10:30:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Thank you for your support on this issue.

Correspondence ID: 49667 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Brandt, Mark L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 10:31:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49668 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: hogin, mike
Outside Organization: self- 56 year resident of marin Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 10:31:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: drakes oyster has been a long time land mark on the point Reyes coast. it should continue as it has in the past. there might be some issues that may be resolved if some common sense is used. they have been great stewards of the dirt and water they have used. in these times of hard economics, we should promote a business in that area and not try to eliminate it. please help them continue their operation. thanks mike

ps what is a member or official. rep? i had to check member to e mail this so i checked member. i am just a long time resident that cares about our coast and business and environment. put me in the group that wants everyone to get a fair shake. not just one group!

Correspondence ID: 49669 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Santos, Adele
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 10:42:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49670 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Brenner, Laurie A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,05,2011 10:43:05
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Correspondence ID: 49671 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 10:46:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49672 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wilson, Tom M
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 10:47:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49673 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sousa, Jose A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 10:50:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe the Drakes Bay oyster farm provides an excellent service to the Community and as a Bay Area resident for the past 31 years, I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Thank you, JAS

Correspondence ID: 49674 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Graham, Tom
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let's go with the Collaborative Management Alternative on this Drake's Bay oyster farming.

Correspondence ID: 49675 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Blumenthal, Joseph
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS"

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ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49676 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ansley, Celia
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 10:57:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49678 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Corley, Nyoka M
Outside Organization: Landscape Material Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:07:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

MY FAMILY HAS BEEN VISITING THE OYSTER FARM FOR YEARS AND WOULD LIKE IT TO BE THE WAY IT'S ALWAYS BEEN FOR US. PLEASE LEAVE IT BE SOMETHINGS MUST REMAIN IN ITS NATURE HABITAT, IN ORDER TO KEEP THE NATURE NATURAL AND THE ENVIRONMENT HEALTHY. IF YOU START CHANGING THINGS YOU WILL BE MESSING WITH NATURE.... I BEG YOU TO LEAVE IT ALONE.....

THANKS, NYOKA CORLEY

Correspondence ID: 49679 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hunter, John L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:09:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49680 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Petonic, Michael A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. We've got to find an objective, mutually beneficial solution to this current challenge.

Correspondence ID: 49681 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Colombi, Sandra
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:19:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Please keep the Oyster Farm open and functioning.

Correspondence ID: 49682 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kreis, Deborah
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:19:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

Correspondence ID: 49683 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Beickert, Tanya
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:20:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49685 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hopkins, Hope
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:24:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the oyster farm at Drakes Bay. Our family has gone there for over thirty years, since it was Johnson's. The new owners have cleaned it up and run it well. They are an old Marin farming family. I believe the local indians used to eat oysters from that area. Over the years there have been closures of the other oyster farms due to sewage spills but never in Drake's Bay. If it were not for the generosity of local farmers and ranchers Pt. Reyes would be a housing development. Why not let them stay and run their locally owned and run business ? There is still plenty of open water and land for the public to enjoy as well as the sea mammals who seem to thrive there. Oysters are known to be good for the health and with the number of people coming to eat fresh oysters, we need all the oyster farms to produce and continue to do so as there will surely be more demand in the years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hope Hopkins

Correspondence ID: 49686 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Epifanio, Charlette R
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:24:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49687 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Crozer, John P
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:25:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a longstanding user of Point Reyes National Seashore as well as Drakes Bay Oyster, formerly Johnson's Oyster, I fully support the most recent Draft Environmental Impact Statement Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit and the right of Drakes Bay Oyster to continue operations at their present location within Point Reyes National Seashore. If the NPS decides against Drakes Bay Oyster, they might as well revoke the right of all farmers to operate within the Seashore due to the runoff of manure and related farming by-products.

Yours sincerely,

John P Crozer November 5, 2011

Correspondence ID: 49689 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lines, Nicholas B
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:29:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49690 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Meany, Mary Ann
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:29:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49691 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Attaway, John
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

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Correspondence ID: 49696 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Hole, Robert
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 11:45:52
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49697 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Basquinez, Elena
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 11:47:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49698 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: marks, mona y
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 11:47:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

1. All proposed alternatives put the oyster farm out of business - NPS should create a new alternative that supports oyster farming and maintains the renewal option. While the NEPA process mandates the consideration of a "no-action alternative," there are no alternatives here that qualify as "no-action." Alternative A forces DBOC out of business next year and the other alternatives shut DBOC down in ten years. The draft EIS fails to provide a valid status-quo baseline, which would include a lease with a renewal option. A new set of alternatives must be created that meet the actual criteria for this process.
2. NPS should support a renewable permit. Please support the issuance of a renewable permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company. DBOC must be allowed to continue the existing uses pursuant to the existing California Department of Fish and Game leases in place since 1934.
3. NPS should adhere to its existing management policies, which support the continuation of the oyster farm. The current NPS General Management Plan for Point Reyes National Seashore, adopted in 1980, supports the continued operation of the oyster farm, as do all of the relevant Marin County planning documents. The draft EIS does not include justification for the decision to overturn the existing General Management Plan and Marin County's planning processes. The failure to address these issues is unacceptable.
4. NPS must consider the environmental benefits of the oyster farm and correct the misrepresentations. PRNS has misrepresented the facts about the environmental benefits of oyster farming. The draft EIS misrepresents those facts again, calling the removal of the oyster farm the "environmentally preferable" alternative. This fails to address the important ecological services provided by oysters, including filtering water. It also fails to address the environmental impacts of replacing a local, sustainable food source with the alternative of importing oysters in order to meet the current demand. The nation currently suffers a \$10 billion seafood deficit; any loss in domestic production correlates to an increase in international imports. Comparisons of the carbon footprint of the existing food source with the replacement food source must be analyzed in the EIS.
5. NPS must fully address the economic impacts of the oyster farm - the draft study fails to provide a complete analysis. The draft EIS mentions that removing the oyster farm would cause "major, long-term, adverse effects to the California shellfish market" but does not provide a complete analysis of these impacts, nor does it include these impacts in the overall analysis. Further, it does not analyze the impacts of eliminating one of the largest employers in West Marin County and the last remaining oyster cannery in California. The EIS must address the economic impacts of eliminating the production of nearly 40% of California's oysters and the subsequent impact on the economy.
6. NPS must fully address the socioeconomic impact of the oyster farm - this draft study section should be reformulated to address impacts on West Marin itself. The discussion of the socioeconomic impact of the alternatives is seriously flawed. Different geographic parameters are used throughout that chapter seemingly at random, switching from Inverness proper, to greater West Marin, to Marin, to multi-county, to statewide, to nationwide. This switching of parameters is used to argue that the job losses caused by shutting down the oyster farm would be minimal. Considered properly, in the context of West Marin, these job losses would be anything but minimal, as DBOC is one of the largest employers in the area. This section should be reformulated and corrected for the EIS.
7. NPS must fully address the historical cultural role of oyster farming in Drakes Estero - the draft study is inadequate. The EIS should assess the cultural impacts of eliminating an institution that has been in operation for generations and that is important to park visitors, local restaurants, and the local foodshed.
8. NPS must properly assess impacts (both actual and potential) on wildlife - the draft study makes claims of harm based on weak or non-existent evidence. The draft EIS claims that removing the oyster farm would benefit harbor seals; that claim is not supported by science. This issue has been reviewed by various agencies and individuals, including the National Academy of Sciences and many prominent scientists, with the conclusion that the impact of the oyster farm on the harbor seals cannot be determined. What is known, however, is that Drakes Estero is currently home to one of the largest harbor seal populations on the California coast and that the population seems to be stable.

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49699 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Schultz, Mary Lou
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:48:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative in the final Drakes Bay Oyster Company SUP EIS. It is consistent with the national interest. First, it supports efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero. It also supports the local economy by attracting thousands of visitors. In addition, it protects affordable housing for farmworkers.

I have visited and purchased oysters from the Drakes Bay Oyster Company for many, many years. I sincerely ask to support the Collaborative Management Alternative. Thank you.

Mary Lou Schultz

Correspondence ID: 49700 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Carr, Beth
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:49:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49701 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Post, Amanda
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:50:42
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Correspondence ID: 49702 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Asamr-O'Guin, Carrie
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:50:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49703 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ludlow, Jeff
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:50:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49704 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ramirez, Maria
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:51:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49705 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Santoyo, Gil
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 11:58:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49706 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Leslie, Linda
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 11:59:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is important to keep our Drake's Bay Oyster Farm open and running, we deserve to have our oyster's clean, fresh and local!

Correspondence ID: 49707 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Wong, James H
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:03:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This Company is providing a service and full filling a need for the consumers, they provide a great health and unique product and as well as a tradition to the area. I have been purchasing their products for over 20 years and there has been a great improvement in the facilities as well.

Correspondence ID: 49708 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Smith, Jen
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:06:10
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.

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Correspondence ID: 49710 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Abdul-Aleem, Nasira S
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:10:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49711 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lao, Vicky
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:10:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49712 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:13:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49713 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Alcantor, Janice A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:16:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the collaborative management alternative as the preferred in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49714 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Swan, Susan
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:20:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations. My family has been visiting this area for decades. It is very important to our family.

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Correspondence ID: 49715 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ayotte, Roberta L
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:20:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49716 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Oatley, Sallye L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05.2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE: A Ten-Year Special Use Permit with Option for Extension; Rehabilitation of Existing Facilities; and Construction of New Processing Facilities This alternative permits DBOC to continue to utilize onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero pursuant to its leases from the California Department of Fish and Game [CDFG]. DBOC would pay "fair market value" for use of the onshore facilities, which would take into account the value of interpretive services provided and the investment needed to rehabilitate existing facilities and construct new processing facilities. The rehabilitation and construction work would be as described in the discussion of Alternative D. Under this alternative, DBOC will collaborate with relevant organizations, including but not limited to the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture. This alternative is consistent with the "national interest" expressed in President Clinton's May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce (DOC) and Interior to expand and strengthen the "Nation's system of marine protected areas." It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), a protected area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to CDFG leases are permitted. DBOC's operation within a SMCA and PRNS presents a unique opportunity for collaborative research that supports the policies of the National Shellfish Initiative [Initiative] announced by NOAA and DOC in June 2011, and responds directly and positively to NRC and MMC recommendations regarding collaborative efforts to inform adaptive management of Drakes Estero. This alternative supports the goals of the Initiative, which are to increase domestic seafood production, create sustainable jobs and restore marine habitats. It provides opportunities for research as called for by the Initiative, "?on the interactions between shellfish and the environment in terms of climate change, ocean acidification, naturally occurring pathogens and parasites, and other factors . . ." This alternative supports DBOC's efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global ocean acidification now beginning to affect all Pacific coast shellfish. This alternative sustainably supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of ethnically diverse visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide over half of the San Francisco Bay Area's sustainably farmed shellfish. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for farmworkers on remote Point Reyes ranches. Under this alternative, DBOC will continue to provide essential oyster shell for environmental programs, such as the San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Project, the SF Bay Bird Observatory Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement Project and the California Department of Fish and Game Least Tern Habitat Enhancement Project. This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49717 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: bowers, sue r
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05.2011 12:28:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC EIS.

How DARE you try to shut down a clean, well run 60 year old operation that supports local working people and does NOT harm the seals in any way and keeps the estero chrystal clear.

It's the kayackers that frighten the wild life.

I have lived and worked here for 42 years and I well remember the pig stye the NPS turned its back on when the Johnson family ran it; raw swewage in the estero and all!

Please renew the permit for the DBOC!

Sue R Bowers 415 663 1786 box 694 Point Reyes Station, Ca 94956

Correspondence ID: 49718 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Boenke, Mark
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05.2011 12:29:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49719 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: conover, thomas k
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 12:29:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Thanks for allowing my input.

Correspondence ID: 49720 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Brooks, Betty
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 12:32:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative. Drakes Estero is a unique and ecologically significant wildlife area. It is an important stop on the flyway for migrating birds, a refuge and birthplace for harbor seals and a critical native fish nursery. Congress and the public have long intended that Drakes Estero be given the highest federal level of protection as a wilderness area when the commercial oyster lease expires in 2012. This can only be accomplished by selecting Alternative "A" and ending commercial use of this sensitive wildlife refuge. Alternative A is the most consistent with National Park Service laws and policies. The Park Service's environmental review shows that alternative "A" best protects wildlife and the National Park experience. Our national parks are for the people and wildlife protection, and wilderness areas with our parks should not prioritize commercial exploitation. The American public deserves to have this unique marine wilderness protected in a natural state for future generations to enjoy. Drakes Estero is the only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be grown elsewhere. As someone who enjoys our spectacular national parks, I urge you to not undermine protections at Drakes Estero and succumb to special interests seeking to commercialize these special places.

Correspondence ID: 49721 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sidley, Vicki N
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 12:33:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the Drakes Bay Oyster Company operating. It is a very special place as is, a destination, in fact. I love the fact that we have something as authentic as this out on our coast. I agree that it would work well as an educational opportunity as described in the alternative to extend the permit.

Sincerely, Vicki Sidley

Correspondence ID: 49722 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 12:33:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final Drake's Bay SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49723 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Marin, Mr. Sparky G
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 12:33:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In support of the proposed agreement. Put on the record as, IN FAVOR. Supports.

Correspondence ID: 49725 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Swift, Susanne
Outside Organization: individual - not a member of any organization. Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 12:37:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49726 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: leithold, melinda
Outside Organization: Tomales Bay Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 12:40:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please record my choice of alternatives for the final DBOC SUP EIS: The Collaborative Management Alternative.-- A ten year Special Use Permit with option for extension; rehabilitation of existing facilities and construction of new processing facilities as delineated in alternative D.

DBOC is a ecologically beneficial operation: cultivation of oysters, a natural filtration feature of the estuary as it has existed for

the past 90 years.

Oyster cultivation at this location is an integral piece of the balanced nature of West Marin local food production which is increasingly hailed as the most reliable strategy for meeting future food security.

Seals have accommodated to distant oyster growing operations and (as over 280,000 photos recorded by the NPS cameras plus personal observations show) are not being put at risk by DBOC. In addition, seals are not considered "threatened" or "endangered" Seals thrive inside and outside the mouth of Drakes Estero and move back and forth according to migration of other species, specifically elephant seals(alarger, more aggressive species.

Correspondence ID: 49727 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Pelfini, Michael J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Sincerely,

Michael Pelfini

Correspondence ID: 49728 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hoare, Alfred
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:43:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. I first treated myself and my family to the pleasures of Johnson's Oyster Farm in the early 1970's - nearly forty years ago. We have been living in Utah for the last 18 years, and still have visited what is now Drakes Bay Oyster Farm at least a dozen times during those years. It is a gift we have enjoyed tremendously over the years and shared proudly with with visitors from around the world. The location, operation, and product are unique and truly a national treasure to be protected and preserved. Please do all possible to save this one of a kind experience for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 49731 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Hulse, Jeff T
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:46:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49734 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ehrman, Ben
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:49:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Name: Wentzell, Kathy
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 12:50:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49738 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: anderes, john
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 12:51:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm in full support of the continuing practices of the Drakes Bay Oyster Co. I'm must say they have some of the best product in the world in one of the prettiest places in the world!

John Anderes

Correspondence ID: 49740 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gossen, Richard N
Outside Organization: Republican Party Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 12:53:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Re: Drake Bay Oyster Company I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49741 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: olonan, alvin
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 12:53:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49742 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: olonan, alvin
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 12:54:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49746 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Tone, Anson
Outside Organization: Sweet Nature Foods Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS." Please renew lease to Drakes Bay Oyster.

Thank you Anson Tone

Correspondence ID: 49747 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Tucker, Marlene A
Outside Organization: None Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:01:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Just a OYSTER lover. Please don,t destroy this oyster farn. The Big Oil Producers are polluting enough to put the whole industry In jeopardy . We need jobs & the gov. Should do more to protect small businesses

Correspondence ID: 49748 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Cole, Jill
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 13:02:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final Drakes Bay Oyster Company SUP EIS!! I wholeheartedly support their continued utilization of onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero. This company is valuable for the Estero, and is a HUGE resource for the local community.

Correspondence ID: 49749 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: DEBAUN, EVELYN
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 13:05:36
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: 49750 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bradley, Peg
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 13:05:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49751 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Smith, Jen
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 13:05:56
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: 49752 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Odgren, Jill
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 13:06:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I, and *countless others* in our community, support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS!

Correspondence ID: 49753 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Odgren, Pat
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 13:07:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final Drakes Bay Oyster Company SUP EIS. This is a GREAT company and the Inverness and PRS communities fully support its continuation and contribution to the National Seashore, and our community.

Correspondence ID: 49754 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Range, Bill
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 13:09:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep this Oyster place open. It is a fun and interesting place to visit. It represents our history.

Correspondence ID: 49755 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Diedrichs, Peggy A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 13:10:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49756 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 13:11:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49757 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Maisnier, Jamie
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 13:14:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I SUPPORT THE COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IN THE FINAL DBOC SUP EIS

THANK YOU,

Jamie

WE HAVE BEEN GOING TO DRAKES BAY OYSTER BAY CO. FOR 27 YEARS!!! Bringing our kids and one day our grandkids.

Correspondence ID: 49759 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Greening, Al
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 13:15:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a renewable Special Use Permit for the Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

I see no difference between continuing operation of the Historic Ranches and the oyster operation.

Correspondence ID: 49760 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Dunlap, Michael R
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:16:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Collaboration Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. I have been coming to Pt. Reyes National Seashore since 1972. I love this place and it is my favorite destination for hiking, backpacking, whale watching and just going to the beach. All those years I have driven past an antenna "farm", cattle grazing on non-native grasses and, recently, huge piles of hay covered with white plastic sheets clearly visible for a mile or more while I kayaked Drakes Estero. When you get rid of all of the ranches and clear away the tons of cow shit on the trails which leaches into the estuary, tear down the antenna "farm" and stop breeding non-native horses for the Park Service, then whine about an invasion of "foreign" invading oysters. Don't you have better things to do with our tax dollars? Picking up fresh oysters in the shell for a B-B-Q is part of my routine which enhances my enjoyment of Pt. Reyes. Is it any wonder that frustrated citizens want to defund government and resent handing over our hard earned money to arrogant bureaucrats who don't care about our needs? Wake up, please! Sincerely, Mike Dunlap

Correspondence ID: 49763 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Capriotti, Jodie
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:20:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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

Correspondence ID: 49764 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Giannini, Myron L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:21:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49765 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Wilkins, Catherine
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:21:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

Correspondence ID: 49766 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Grams, Deanna J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:21:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Drake's Bay Oyster Farm is a special place and is one my family likes to visit when we are in Point Reyes.

Please vote to help support these local jobs that the Drake's Bay Oyster farm offers as well as the unique facility and location.

Those of us in Northern California appreciate these small local farms and hope they are allowed to continue.

Sincerely, Deanna Grams

Correspondence ID: 49767 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Koughan, Martin J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:21:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Let these people stay in business. It is a critically important community asset and it is not harming the natural life around it.

Correspondence ID: 49770 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Pyle, Mark
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:24:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49771 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Steineck, Stephen
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:25:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49773 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lee, Rolf T
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:27:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49775 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McComber, Chad
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This alternative permits DBOC to continue to utilize onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero pursuant to its leases from the California Department of Fish and Game [CDFG]. DBOC would pay "fair market value" for use of the on-shore facilities, which would take into account the value of interpretive services provided and the investment needed to rehabilitate existing facilities and construct new processing facilities. The rehabilitation and construction work would be as described in the discussion of Alternative D.

Under this alternative, DBOC will collaborate with relevant organizations, including but not limited to the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture.

This alternative is consistent with the "national interest" expressed in President Clinton's May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce (DOC) and Interior to expand and strengthen the "Nation's system of marine protected areas." It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), a protected area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to CDFG leases are permitted. DBOC's operation within a SMCA and PRNS presents a unique opportunity for collaborative research that supports the policies of the National Shellfish Initiative [Initiative] announced by NOAA and DOC in June 2011, and responds directly and positively to NRC and MMC recommendations regarding collaborative efforts to inform adaptive management of Drakes Estero.

This alternative supports the goals of the Initiative, which are to increase domestic seafood production, create sustainable jobs and restore marine habitats. It provides opportunities for research as called for by the Initiative, "...on the interactions between shellfish and the environment in terms of climate change, ocean acidification, naturally occurring pathogens and parasites, and other factors . . ." This alternative supports DBOC's efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global ocean acidification now beginning to affect all Pacific coast shellfish.

This alternative sustainably supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of ethnically diverse visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide over half of the San Francisco Bay Area's sustainably farmed shellfish. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for farmworkers on remote Point Reyes ranches.

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

This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49776 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Parker, Scott
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Please keep the Oyster farm. My children love going out there. It is a part of history. Thanks Scott

Correspondence ID: 49777 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: PLOCK, LISA S
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:29:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49780 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Barsotti, Tracy
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:35:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49781 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sarchett, Wayne
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:46:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49783 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Riversmith, Bridget
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:50:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

Correspondence ID: 49784 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kendall, Benjamin
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:50:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49785 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Schickling, Robert
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 13:51:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49787 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Smith, Sheila M
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:11:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49788 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Thomas, Curtis
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:14:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: An important part of a child's development is how they relate to nature, and the world around them. An understanding that we are not better than the land we live on, the resources we use, and the animals that live on this planet with us, but that these things are just as important is an essential truth, and something that is often ignored. By expanding the permit on the Drakes Bay Oyster Company, we are teaching a future generation that corporate gain is more important than the sustainability of our Earth. The only reason we have been able to grow so strong corporately and financially is because the Earth and its resources have held through so strongly for us--in the case here, it is oysters, a cherished natural resource that we are looking to further exploit. An incredible amount of life is nourished by the Drakes Estero and it is important that a new generation receives the opportunity to be a witness to all the life that unfolds. Living as a twenty year old today, I have been able to witness the majesty and beauty of Earth, as well as the havoc wreaked when it is destroyed. Being a New Orleans native, I have witnessed the life that the

Mississippi river facilitates in the Gulf Coast region through field trips, steam boats, canoes, and fishing. My eyes were opened to the power of nature, and the fact that its power and grace is not equal to man's, but far above it. To see the oil spill happening was devastating, as it killed part of nature's gift to us, and significantly changed the lives of many fisherman and restaurant owners in the area. So much wildlife, and so many ecosystems were harmed as billions of gallons of oil leached into the water. Our country cannot afford to lose more resources. Drakes Estero is not only important to the citizens of Marin, but to the citizens of the whole country. We cannot let another natural, national gem become tarnished by the cycle of supply and demand of modern man. We must realize that we are not masters of our physical world. Only participants in it. When making the decision on whether to expand the permit on the Drakes Oyster Bay Company, I hope that you think about our future generation and the beauty and wellness in the land. It is with hope in my heart that the bay will be one of many treasures that countless generations will have the gift to enjoy.

Correspondence ID: 49789 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Cardoza, Jennifer
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:20:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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

Correspondence ID: 49790 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: McIntyre, Heather
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:20:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49791 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Jones, Andrew C
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Drakes Bay Oyster Farm is a great place, doing nothing but good.

Correspondence ID: 49792 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Del Secco, Robert J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE:

A Ten-Year Special Use Permit with Option for Extension; Rehabilitation of Existing Facilities; and Construction of New Processing Facilities This alternative permits DBOC to continue to utilize onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero pursuant to its leases from the California Department of Fish and Game [CDFG]. DBOC would pay "fair market value" for use of the on-shore facilities, which would take into account the value of interpretive services provided and the investment needed to rehabilitate existing facilities and construct new processing facilities. The rehabilitation and construction work would be as described in the discussion of Alternative D. Under this alternative, DBOC will collaborate with relevant organizations, including but not limited to the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture. This alternative is consistent with the "national interest" expressed in President Clinton's May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce (DOC) and Interior to expand and strengthen the "Nation's system of marine protected areas." It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), a protected area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to CDFG leases are permitted. DBOC's operation within a SMCA and PRNS presents a unique opportunity for collaborative research that supports the policies of the National Shellfish Initiative [Initiative] announced by NOAA and DOC in June 2011, and responds directly and positively to NRC and MMC recommendations regarding collaborative efforts to inform adaptive management of Drakes Estero. This alternative supports the goals of the Initiative, which are to increase domestic seafood production, create sustainable jobs and restore marine habitats. It provides opportunities for research as called for by the Initiative, "?on the interactions between shellfish and the environment in terms of climate change, ocean acidification, naturally occurring pathogens and parasites, and other factors . . ." This alternative supports DBOC's efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global ocean acidification now beginning to affect all Pacific coast shellfish. This alternative sustainably supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of ethnically diverse visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide over half of the San Francisco Bay Area's sustainably farmed shellfish. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for farmworkers on remote Point Reyes ranches. Under this alternative, DBOC will continue to provide essential oyster shell for environmental programs, such as the San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Project, the SF Bay Bird Observatory Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement Project and the California Department of Fish and Game Least Tern Habitat Enhancement Project. This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49793 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:32:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49794 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:35:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49795 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lotz, Elizabeth
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:39:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Superintendent Cicely Muldoon Point Reyes National Seashore 1 Bear Valley Road Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Re: Support for Alternative A ? Wilderness ? in Drakes Estero

Dear Superintendent Muldoon:

As a Sonoma County, CA resident I am writing to support Alternative A, the "no action" alternative that would restore wilderness protections to Drakes Estero. This is the "environmentally preferable alternative" and for the reasons below, I strongly encourage the National Park Service and Secretary Salazar to support wilderness protections for Drakes Estero in 2012.

The National Park Service has concluded that full wilderness protection is the best option for the environment. It is also the option preferred by the public. More than 77% of the comments submitted during the scoping process for the oyster lease

environmental impact statement called for full wilderness protection in 2012.

The public's voice is critical as the Park belongs to all Americans, and visitors to the Park are vital to the local economy. In 2009, visitors spent almost \$86 million during visits to the Seashore and non-local visitor spending supported 966 local jobs and accounted for \$39.3 million in local labor income.¹ Unfounded and politically motivated claims of scientific misconduct by Park Service personnel and incorrect statements regarding Congress' intent in establishing the Seashore and its wilderness areas have diverted attention away from the real issues.

Wilderness protection should not be rolled back to benefit one private commercial operation in derogation of our wilderness laws and policies. This would set a terrible precedent and must not be allowed to prevail. It is time to look beyond the numerous unfounded attacks and return Drakes Estero to all Americans, as the West Coast's only marine wilderness.

All Applicable Law and Policy Require Full Wilderness Protection in 2012

Federal law and policy require full wilderness protection for Drakes Estero in 2012 and prohibit the Park Service from issuing a new special use permit to the Drakes Bay Oyster Company (DBOC). The FY 2010 Interior appropriations bill rider that prompted the current review allows, but does not require, a new special use permit for the oyster operation.²

The Seashore was created "to save and preserve, for the purposes of public recreation, benefit, and inspiration" a portion of the nation's diminishing seashore.³ The Seashore's 1962 authorizing legislation requires the Park Service to administer the Seashore "without impairment of its natural values" and in a manner that is "supportive of the maximum protection, restoration, and preservation of the natural environment."⁴

The Wilderness Act of 1964 recognizes and defines wilderness as "an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."⁵ Wilderness is further defined as an area of "Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions."⁶

The 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act reaffirms the 1962 and 1964 laws and added language to the Seashore's authorizing legislation which "underscores the intention that the Seashore is to be managed for the protection of its natural environment and values."⁷ The Point Reyes Wilderness Act designates the waters of Drakes Estero and the adjoining intertidal land as "potential wilderness."

The term "potential wilderness" is defined in legislative history as "a category of lands which are essentially of wilderness character, but retain sufficient non-conforming structures, activities, uses or private rights so as to preclude immediate wilderness classification."⁸ The legislative history provides an explicit statement of Congressional intent regarding the importance of removing all non-conforming uses including the oyster operation in Drakes Estero from areas designated as "potential wilderness":

"As is well established, it is the intention that those lands and waters designated as potential wilderness additions will be essentially managed as wilderness, to the extent possible, with efforts to steadily continue to remove all obstacles to the eventual conversion of these lands and waters to wilderness status."⁹ Congress chose to designate Drakes Estero as potential wilderness with full knowledge of the presence of the oyster company and its non-conforming use in the Estero.¹⁰ This knowing designation and the contemporaneous legislative history make it clear that Congress intended that the non-conforming use must end when the current lease expires. There is no support in the legislative history for continuing oyster operations after expiration of the current lease in 2012.

During a 1976 Congressional hearing on the Point Reyes Wilderness Act, then Representative John L. Burton wrote that the "potential wilderness" designation would allow Drakes Estero to "be classified as wilderness upon the removal of certain presently existing temporary conditions, without the need to come back to Congress again."¹¹ Congressman Burton recognized that Drakes Estero was one of "three particularly fragile areas" in urgent need of protection:

"Drakes and Limantour Esteros are refuges for harbor seals, leopard sharks, egrets, herons, migratory fowl, rare species of clams, cockles, and snails. They are also native Indian sites. Their permanent protection is urgently needed, at the very least by 'potential (or reserve) wilderness.'"¹²

Congressman Burton also testified that potential wilderness designation was critical to ensure that these areas would not be "destroyed by incursions of speedboats and motor-type boats."¹³ A recent letter to the Secretary of the Interior from former Congressman Burton and others offers a new interpretation of the purported legislative intent behind creation of the Seashore and designation of Drakes Estero as "potential wilderness" that is at odds with the contemporaneous legislative history.¹⁴ As a matter of law, a legislator's post-hoc interpretations of legislation carry no special weight; only statements made contemporaneous with passage of legislation are to be considered. *Sullivan v. Finkelstein*, 496 U.S. 617, 632 (1990) ("views of a legislator concerning a statute already enacted are entitled to no more weight than the views of a judge concerning a statute not yet passed").

The National Park Service Management Policies prioritize management of natural resources for maximum protection and restoration and require conservation and resource protection in the face of scientific uncertainty or conflicts between

conservation and use.¹⁵ The Park Service is also required to manage wilderness, including potential wilderness, "for the preservation of the physical wilderness resources" and "planning for these areas must ensure that the wilderness character is likewise preserved."

This policy further states that potential wilderness shall "be managed as wilderness to the extent that existing nonconforming conditions allow" and the Park Service shall determine "the most appropriate means of removing the temporary, nonconforming conditions that preclude wilderness designation from potential wilderness."¹⁶ The zoning for Drakes Estero under the Point Reyes General Management Plan calls for the Estero's conversion to wilderness where no mechanized equipment or development is to occur.¹⁷ In 2004, the Department of the Interior Solicitor's Office advised the Park Service that it is "mandated by the Wilderness Act, the Point Reyes Wilderness Act and its Management Policies to convert potential wilderness, i.e., the Johnson Oyster Company tract [now the Drakes Bay Oyster Company tract] and the adjoining Estero, to wilderness status as soon as the non conforming use can be eliminated."¹⁸ Indeed, the Park Service is "required to actively seek to remove from potential wilderness the temporary, non-conforming conditions that preclude wilderness designation."¹⁹ The Drakes Bay Oyster Company operation is the only remaining obstacle to full wilderness protection. The Best Available Science Supports Full Wilderness Protection The National Park Service Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) makes clear that the "no action" alternative "allowing the DBOC lease to expire in 2012 and establishing full wilderness protection to Drakes Estero" is the best alternative for the environment and for managing the park in conformance with law and policy. Extending the DBOC lease through any of the three "action" alternatives would have long-term adverse environmental impacts on Drakes Estero that "would be clearly detectable and could appreciably affect individuals or groups of species, communities, or natural processes"²⁰ including to: Wilderness due to the readily apparent, widespread, impact on wilderness character from non-native shellfish cultivation; maintenance of human-made infrastructure (including 5 miles of racks); motorboat travel 8 hours per day for 6 days a week; and human-caused noise; Harbor seals due to the potential for human disturbance and resulting displacement from multiple motor boat trips and bottom bag cultivation on sandbars and mudflats adjacent to harbor seal protection areas; Shorebirds due to flushing from motor boats which causes avoidance of normal foraging and resting; inability to access food in the five miles of inter-tidal area occupied by oyster bags; and impacts to the Black Brant sea goose which eats only eelgrass as it migrates from Alaska to Mexico; Eelgrass habitat due to boat propeller scarring; boat wake erosion; the invasive tunicate (*Didemnum vexillum*) that is attaching to and smothering eelgrass; and continued introductions of non-native species; Wetlands and wetland functions due to placement of bottom bags in wetland habitat; Soundscapes due to the use of heavy machinery and repeated use of motor boats; Native fish due to displacement of habitat and continued attraction of fish communities that would not naturally be found due to perpetuation of non-native habitats; and Benthic fauna due to non-native oysters competitively excluding native species; introduction of diseases; and introduction of other harmful non-native species.

The two greatest threats to biodiversity are habitat loss and invasive species. Both of these causes to biodiversity loss will intensify with climate change and both will be aggravated by continued mariculture operations in Drakes Estero.²¹

The Draft EIS Understates the Adverse Impacts of the Action Alternatives by Failing To Assess the Risks and Impacts of Non-Compliance with Permitting Requirements and Permit Conditions Established to Protect the Environment The Draft EIS improperly ignores DBOC's abysmal record of complying with permit conditions and requirements when analyzing impacts of continued operations. There has been no time during DBOC's ownership when it has been in compliance with its permit conditions or permitting requirements. DBOC's predecessor, the Johnson Oyster Company, had a similarly long history of environmentally destructive violations. These violations have caused "and continue to cause -- significant harm to the environment and there is nothing to suggest that these problems will be rectified if DBOC is granted a new special use permit. This history of constant non-compliance must be evaluated and considered in assessing the potential impacts of any of the action alternatives. Ignoring this long history produces an inaccurate and unrealistically positive assessment of adverse impacts. Since its purchase of Johnson's Oyster Company, DBOC has operated in knowing violation of California Coastal Commission, National Park Service, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit conditions and requirements. DBOC was most recently cited for violations of its California Coastal Commission permit in September 2011. For example: _ December 2004: DBOC purchases the remaining seven years of the existing mariculture lease, knowing that it will expire in 2012, and assumes responsibility for complying with the cease and desist order issued to the prior owner, the Johnson Cease and Desist Order No CCC-03-CD-12. (Consent Cease and Desist Order CCC-03-CD-12; November 29, 2007 Staff Report and Findings for Cease and Desist Order; Draft EIS Ch. 1 at 19) _ May 2005: The California Coastal Commission advises DBOC that it still is not in compliance with the Johnson Cease and Desist Order and that it must obtain a coastal development permit. (May 11, 2005 Letter from the California Coastal Commission to DBOC) _ March 2006: The California Coastal Commission again advises DBOC that it is not in compliance with the Johnson Cease and Desist Order, that it is in violation of the Coastal Act, and that it must obtain a coastal development permit for additional new and unpermitted development. (March 21, 2006 Letter from the California Coastal Commission to DBOC) _ June 2007: The California Coastal Commissions again advises DBOC that it is not in compliance with the Johnson Cease and Desist Order and that it is also may require a coastal development permit and permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Park Service. (June 5, 2007 Letter from the California Coastal Commission to DBOC) _ October 2007: The California Coastal Commission advises DBOC that it intends to commence Cease and Desist Order Proceedings due to DBOC's continued unpermitted offshore and onshore operations and facilities. (October 3, 2007 Letter from the California Coastal Commission to DBOC) _ December 2007: The California Coastal Commission issues a Consent Cease and Desist Order to DBOC regarding unpermitted activities carried out in connection with DBOC oyster operations in Drakes Estero. The related November 2007 staff report states that DBOC is not in compliance with the Johnson Cease and Desist Order and that DBOC has constructed additional development and engaged in unauthorized uses without the required permits (e.g., refrigerated storage units installed, second leach field constructed, parking area paved, boat transit outside established channels). (Consent Cease and Desist Order CCC-07-CD-11, December 12, 2007; November 29, 2007 Staff Report and Findings for Cease and Desist Order; Draft EIS, Ch. 1 at 19) _ February 2009: DBOC begins harvesting Manila clams without a Park Service permit and 10 months prior to review and approval by the California Fish and Game Commission. DBOC declines to provide information on cultivation to assist the Park Service in evaluating this expansion of species cultivation. Manila clam cultivation has never been approved by the Park Service. (Draft EIS, Ch. 1 at 20) _ September 2009: The California Coastal Commission advises DBOC of numerous ongoing violations of the 2007 Cease and Desist and Consent Order, including provisions developed to protect the Estero from invasive species, to impose appropriate restrictions on new construction, and to protect water quality. (September 16, 2009 Letter to DBOC from the Coastal Commission) _ December

2009: The California Coastal Commission fines DBOC \$61,500 for numerous ongoing violations of five separate provisions of the Cease and Desist and Consent Order issued to DBOC in 2007 and advises DBOC that the fines will continue to accrue until DBOC comes into compliance. Violations include operating in areas of Drakes Estero that are off limits during the crucial harbor seal pupping and rearing season. (December 7, 2009 Letter to DBOC from the Coastal Commission) _ November 2010: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers advises the Park Service that the DBOC aquaculture activities require a Corps permit but that the Corps does not have either a current permit application or permit on file. (Draft EIS, Ch. 2 at 130, Table 2-6; November 16, 2010 Letter to the Park Service from the Corps of Engineers) _ September 2011: The California Coastal Commission advises DBOC to "aggressively and comprehensively" address significant amounts of plastic and other marine debris from DBOC operations that pose "a hazard to the marine environment and natural resources of Drakes Estero" and address "adverse impacts from the boats and DBOC personnel on the sensitive harbor seals and their habitat during the breeding and pupping season." (September 29, 2011 Letter to DBOC from the Coastal Commission) Individually, each of DBOC's violations of permit conditions and permitting requirements is cause for concern. Cumulatively, they significantly undermine the ability of the Park Service, the California Coastal Commission, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to administer the activities of DBOC in accordance with federal and state law and policy and in a manner that will protect and enhance the Seashore's natural resources. Issuance of a new Special Use Permit to DBOC includes a significant risk that DBOC will continue to violate conditions attached to the new permit and other applicable regulations designed to protect the environment. While the Draft EIS summarizes DBOC's history of non-compliance it goes on to assume that DBOC will comply fully with all permitting conditions and requirements if a new Special Use Permit is issued pursuant to any of the three action alternatives. Given the long history of non-compliance with permit conditions and terms, the assumption that the conditions attached to a new Special Use Permit and other permitting conditions would be strictly complied with presents a false picture of the impacts of issuing a new Special Use Permit. The EIS must consider the impacts of the likely failure of DBOC to comply with permit conditions and requirements on the ecological health of Drakes Estero and the many sensitive species that utilize the Estero. These impacts extend to all the impacts evaluated in the Draft EIS, including the impacts to Park Service operations.

In conclusion, all applicable law, policy, and best available science call for full Wilderness Protection for Drakes Estero in 2012. The issuance of a new 10-year special use permit would roll back wilderness protection to benefit a single business at the expense of the public trust and the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore. It is time to return Drakes Estero all Americans as the West Coast's only marine wilderness.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of Wilderness for Drakes Estero.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Lotz

Endnotes 1 Park Service employees also contribute a significant amount to the local economy. In 2009, the Seashore supported 129 National Park Service jobs and the Park's payroll contributed an additional \$13 million to the local economy. Stynes, D.J., January 2011, "Economic Benefits to Local Communities from National Park Visitation and Payroll," Natural Resource Report NPS/NRPC/SSD/NRR-2011/281, Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan 48824-22, available at: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/socialscience/docs/NPSSystemEstimates2009.pdf>. 2 Public Law 111-?88, Section 124. 3 16 U.S.C. _ 459c. 4 16 U.S.C. _ 459c-?6. 5 16 U.S.C. _ 1131(c). 6 16 U.S.C. _ 1131(c). 7 House Report No. 94-?1680 (1976). 8 Senate Report No. 94-?1357 (1976) at 3. 9 House Report No. 94-?1680 (1976); see also Senate Rep. No. 94-?1357 at 7 (1976) (potential wilderness "will automatically gain wilderness status" when nonconforming uses are eliminated). 10 See, generally, Hearing Before The Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, February 5 and 9, Mar. 2 (1976). 11 Statement of the Honorable John L. Burton, Democrat, 5th District, California, Before the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation of the House Interior Committee in H.R. 8002, September 9, 1976 (emphasis added). 12 Id. 13 Oral Testimony of the Honorable John L. Burton, Democrat, 5th District, California, Before the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation of the House Interior Committee in H.R. 8002, September 9, 1976. 14 Letter to Secretary Kenneth Salazar from John Burton, William Bagley, and Paul McCloskey (August 11, 2011). Neither Mr. Bagley nor Mr. McCloskey participated in the legislative debate on the Point Reyes Wilderness Act. 15 National Park Service Management Policies 2006 _ 1.5. 4.1, 6.2.2.1, 6.3.1, 6.3.4.3, 6.3.5; Point Reyes General Management Plan (1980). 16 National Park Service Management Policies 2006 _ 6.3.1. In evaluating the environmental impacts of proposals that may impact wilderness resources, the Park Service "will take into account (1) wilderness characteristics and values, including the primeval character and influence of the wilderness; (2) the preservation of natural conditions (including the lack of man-?made noise); and (3) assurances that there will be outstanding opportunities for solitude, that the public will be provided with a primitive and unconfined type of recreational experience, and that wilderness will be preserved and used in an unimpaired condition." Id. _ 6.3.4.3 (Wilderness Resource Management, Environmental Compliance). 17 Point Reyes General Management Plan (1980). 18 Memorandum Opinion from the Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor to the Superintendent of Point Reyes National Seashore, February 26, 2004. 19 Id. (citing 6.3.1 Wilderness Management, General Policy). 20 National Park Service, Draft Environmental Impact Statement Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit (September 2011) (Draft EIS) at 120, 250, 252, Chapter 4. 21 Higgins et al. 1999, Conservation Biology 13: 303-?313.

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Name:	Del Secco, Robert J				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
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Correspondence:	"I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."				

Correspondence ID: 49798 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Yoshimoto, Rick
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:44:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I SUPPORT THE EXTENSION OF DBOC 'S LEASE.

I have lived in Inverness for 24 years and in San Rafael for 10 years.

I do not support the alternatives in the EIS draft report, which all 4 put DBOC out of business.

I am supportive of the "Collaborative Management Alternative", a 10 year special use permit with options for extension, rehabilitation of existing facilities and construction of new process facilities.

NPS should keep to existing management policies which support the DBOC's continued operation. EIS does not refer to the NPS general management plan or Marin County's planning. Justification for DBOC's ejection from PRNP is not supported by these plans.

The EIS doesn't address the historical position that DBOC has in the Point Reyes community and how it is integral to the larger ranching and farming groups in the area.

The EIS does not address the economical/social impacts on the community. Job losses would have a major impact in the West Marin community.

The EIS does not provide information of the positive environmental impacts that oysters have to Drake's Estero. It does not mention positive impacts on sustainable food sourcing in the local area and beyond.

The EIS information on wildlife disruption is not scientifically supported. The harbor seals are found to not have been impacted and Drake's Estero has one of the largest harbor seal populations on the CA coast.

No mention is made in EIS on DBOC's contributions to habitat restorations. Re: re-establishment of native oyster beds and habitats for terns and plovers.

If this proposed eviction DBOC becomes to a reality, what message does that give other faming lease holders within the PRNP. I find it a fearful atmosphere to all leases and the West Marin community that PRNP will evict without full studies of the large pictured impact that this decision will have, with minimal and un-validated science.

As stated at the beginnig, I AM SUPPORTIVE OF DBOC'S EXTENDED LEASE.

Correspondence ID: 49799 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lawlor, Richard G
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:45:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49800 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Swift, Craig
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:45:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. We the people of the local community benefit from and appreciate the aquaculture facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone. We strongly support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero .

Correspondence ID: 49801 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Chase, John H
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:46:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I enthusiastically support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the only alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49802 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fedick, Scott L
Outside Organization: University of California, Riverside Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,05,2011 14:46:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. I am a Professor of Anthropology, and am a Steering Committee member of the Center for Conservation Biology at the University of California, Riverside. I have visited the Drakes Bay Oyster Company on several occasions, as well as visits to the facility under its original ownership (Johnson Oyster Company). As a specialist in the sustainable use of resources across many cultures and time periods, I recognize the Drakes Bay Oyster Company as a very good example of sustainable economic use of a natural resource. I strongly support the continued operation of the small, sustainable business.

Correspondence ID: 49803 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Chamberland, Luc C
Outside Organization: Pickleweed Point Oyster Company Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:47:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Bay Oyster Company is an integral part of the sustainable eco-system that thrives in Drakes Estero. Their continued presence in this unique environment is essential. Their contributions from an ecological, economical and educational perspective are significant and necessary. The NPS should extend their use permit in perpetuity. The selective science that the Park Service has continued to utilize to support its position in seeking to terminate Drakes Bay Oyster Company's continued presence in Drakes Estero is highly questionable. Furthermore, the process utilized by the NPS to gather public comments during the town hall meetings is fraught with patronage. The NPS should have a higher standard of ethics to gauge its use of internal staff and vocal advocates of its stance to transcribe comments from public participants. The transparency required to truly gauge the public's sentiments has been heavily skewed by the presence of wilderness advocates during the public comment intake sessions. Drakes Bay Oyster Company is a valuable resource from many standpoints, but most specifically as a living example of enlightened stewardship, sustainable business practices and ethical actions.

Correspondence ID: 49804 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:49:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49805 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Jones, Jane
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:51:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

Correspondence ID: 49807 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: De Benedetto, Maria
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:51:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49809 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bartur, Meir
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 14:59:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Collaborative Management Alternative is a viable and the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. As a supporter of environmentally sustainable solution that keeps the oyster farm functional - this is the only alternative I can support and I urge you all to support it as well.

Correspondence ID: 49813 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Thom, Camille
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 15:08:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49814 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Dunn, Molly
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 15:08:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49815 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Shaw, Elizabeth
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 15:10:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been visiting the Drake Bay Oyster Company for many years every time I visit the Point Reyes Seashore area and hope that the company can continue to operate for a long time into the future.

Correspondence ID: 49818 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: O'Leary, Paul A
Outside Organization: Sacred Heart Church, Olema, CA Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 15:14:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My wife and I strongly support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. The Drakes Bay Oyster Farm is a fine organization which provides a livelihood for numerous workers in a location which helps the local economy while maintaining great care of their environment. The Lunny Family are great contributors to the economy here in West Marin and are careful conservators of the natural resources of the area. /s/ Paul A. and Helen F. O'Leary

Correspondence ID: 49819 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Costa-Pierce, Barry A
Outside Organization: University of Rhode Island Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 15:15:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern

I am writing in response to the request for public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Drakes Bay Oyster Company (DBOC) Special Use Permit. I urge the Secretary of Interior to choose "Alternative D", and issue a new Special Use Permit for Expanded Onshore Development and Offshore Operations that would allow a 10 year lease extension, plus expansion of operations and development of new infrastructure as requested by DBOC.

I had the honor of being a member of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Committee that reviewed the Drakes Estero situation. However, my brief comments made here are mine only, and do not in any way represent the NAS or any other members of the Committee.

Besides reviewing all materials on the Drakes Estero ecosystem presented while I was a member of the NAS Committee, I have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the recent Marine Mammal Commission reports. Neither report offers any substantially new insights into the two overall conclusions I reached while with a member of the committee, which were that the DBOC is a sustainable use compatible with the nearly pristine modern marine ecosystem of the estuary; and that the DBOC had positive social benefits on the Point Reyes region, and the State of California.

The ecohistory of Drakes Estero is not without long term human impacts which have been ameliorated over the past 20 or so years, but are still apparent. Seal populations are at historical highs and the luxuriant fields of underwater eelgrass a precious indicator of superb water quality.

However, determining the full spectrum of impacts on the estuary has not been possible, primarily because of the failure of the way marine environmental science has been conducted traditionally. Data have been collected piecemeal, principally by biologists having their own specialized training, leading narrowly focused studies with very specific purposes. It is only recently that ecosystem scientists with transdisciplinary training have worked in teams with communities and the many stakeholders present to look at the full spectrum of eco-social impacts and weigh them using rigorous risk analyses, for example. Without such studies we are left with the virulent conflicts you see in Point Reyes today over the future of Drakes Estero among groups who should be the estuary's natural allies ? farmers, fishers, resource managers, and all sectors of the local food economy. So we are left to speculate and wonder about important questions such as, What is the relative impact of cattle grazing close to shore, denuding riparian and other nearshore vegetation and fecal matter washing off the landscape during the heavy rains to the estuary (I witnessed with my own eyes cattle in the intertidal area of Drakes Estero on one field trip), versus, oyster feces? What are the impacts of the growing number of kayakers versus oyster boats on seals?

The reviews to date cannot answer the needs of the estuary's stakeholders because the many individual studies with singular targeted objectives are not able to answer the larger question of the impact of not only an oyster farm, but increased human use, on the Drakes Estero ecosystem.

I believe that the best way to move forward over the next 10 years is to approve the lease extension, but then to organize a top flight group of ecosystem scientists to work with conservationists, land and water farmers, tourism experts and local decision-makers, just to name a few, to design and carry out a holistic, applied ecosystem research and extension program that would

generate the kinds of data on the watershed, marine ecosystem functioning, aquaculture, marine mammal, bird, and exotic species, just to name a few of the important elements, that would result in a more complete picture of how ? or not ? aquaculture and other uses such as cattle grazing and water-based and hiking tourism impact this precious ecosystem. Only then can the community make a decision about the compatibility of not only oyster farming but all other human uses. And what a valuable exercise this could be to help project how sustainable economies and ecosystems can co-exist in an increasingly crowded coastal area like Northern California.

Lastly, I do not believe that renewing the DBOC lease in any way sets a larger precedent that would lead to the expansion of all sorts of commercial activities in national parks. There is a vast difference between industrial and resource extractive activities in national parks and oyster (shellfish) aquaculture. Aquaculture and ecotourism are potentially complementary and compatible uses. Aquaculture provides invaluable ecosystem services such as water filtration and local sources of highly valued seafoods in many semi-pristine park lands enjoyed by tourists across the USA. Each operation functions in a unique eco-social context that is as much locally determined as it is federally.

I wish the wonderful people of Point Reyes all the best in moving forward. I would like to express my gratitude for the hospitality you have shared with me on my many trips to your beautiful home. You have a great opportunity to leave this phase of social interactions behind you and work together with the DBOC and many other stakeholders in the well-meaning conservation community over the next 10 years to develop a national, even international, model of sustainable economic development having strong, inherent environmental and social values.

Sincerely Yours Barry A. Costa-Pierce, Ph.D. Professor & Director University of Rhode Island Sea Grant College

Correspondence ID: 49820 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gower, Kathryn A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 15:17:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Kathy Gower, PhD

Correspondence ID: 49822 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gower, Douglas E
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Douglas Gower

Correspondence ID: 49823 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Moorman, Bruce
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 15:20:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Name: Meyer, Moranda
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Name: Shurtz, Neil L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49826 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Morgan, Joshua
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 15:21:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Alexander, Melanie
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 15:22:02
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Correspondence ID: 49829 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kondo, Dean
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 15:44:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I understand that a proposal has been put forth where the Drakes Bay Oyster Company can continue to operate under a special permit by the California Department of Fish and Game (or some variation thereof). As long as the alternative solution allows the Drakes Bay Oyster Company to operate as they have in the past, not increasing their lease fees to the point where it would drive them out of business and achieve essentially the same result as those proposals that do not include the continued operation of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company, as a member of the greater community I support this alternative.

Correspondence ID: 49830 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fritschi, Thomas W
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 15:45:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Drakes Bay Oyster Company. I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Shellfish harvesting was an integral part of Native American food gathering. My daughter is doing research on shell midden samples from the bay area. This activity predates the historical dairy industry now going on in the Pt. Reyes area, but continued during the historical era. Since oyster cultivation is an environmentally friendly industry and is an attraction to area visitors, I would strongly support the continued existence of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company at its current location. Thank You.

Thomas W. Fritschi, M.A.Ed.

Correspondence ID: 49836 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fura, David
Outside Organization: National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 15:50:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49837 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Riegel, Jeremy
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49838 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: rainy, karen
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 15:51:01
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Name: Lee, Mishwa
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49841 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Brown, Lila
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 15:55:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company

Correspondence ID: 49842 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Rolf, Gail
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 16:00:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49843 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Akin, Germaine
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 16:04:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49845 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Diamond, Barbara
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 16:06:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49846 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Coles, Gerry E
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 16:10:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To: National Park Service Date: Dec. 5, 2011 Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 From: G. E. Coles

Subject: Draft EIS for Drakes Bay Oyster Co. Special Use Permit

Please find these valid reasons to renew Drakes Bay Oyster Company's lease with its present conditions for another ten years with an option to renew it in 2022:

A. First of all know the Collaborative Management Alternative is the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."
<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=43390>

B. Recent public presentations hosted by the NPS at three locations in the SF Bay Area in 2011 revealed the NPS's pronounced bias against its leaseholder, DBOC when the NPS presented only its information for public review. Though these three meetings were held in public buildings the NPS did not allow DBOC representatives any opportunity to present their own information. This makes it a fact that the public was not able to see firsthand any of the scientific proof amassed by scientists that prove DBOC operations do not harm the environment. Conclusion: Bias against DBOC.

C. The NPS also revealed its bias against DBOC when Chief Park Ranger David Schifsky denied me an opportunity to distribute information to the public when they went into a public building on the campus at Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley CA last September. The public could only see NPS information about DBOC's operation and the lease renewal matter at this meeting. Even though there was ample space for my letter size material to be on large table outside the meeting room nonetheless Chief Park Ranger Schifsky ordered me to remove it. Though he said it could be placed on the steps leading to the meeting room, it would not only have been difficult for the public to find it, but it might have caused an accident had a person slipped on it.

D. Of all four of the NPS's recommendations dealing with DBOC's lease renewal in the subject Draft EIS it should be noted that while one option wants the lease not renewed the other three options imposed such stringent conditions they would make DBOC's business unprofitable.

E. When the NPS in hosted its public presentation at the Dance Palace in Pt. Reyes Station in 2010 regarding DBOC's operation, it was staffed only by NPS employees and its consultants, but none of them where either identified as NPS rangers, staff or its consultants. As all of them were dressed in civilian clothing and none were wearing name tags or any information about their affiliations with the NPS this gave the public attending this meeting the impression that persons standing alongside the various flip charts and answering the public's questions were just presenting unbiased info about DBOC's operation and Drakes Bay estuary even though all of these people were on the NPS's payroll. DBOC was not allowed to present any of its information at this meeting or at any of the other three public meetings hosted by the DBOC in 2011. Conclusion: Bias against DBOC.

F. Regarding DBOC's high quality food product it should be known that the NPS revealed no information in its many studies that DBOC's oysters are mostly consumed in the SF Bay Area, which now has a growing population of about seven million inhabitants. Unlike land based animals DBOC's product comes from the sea, and certainly a much healthier for human consumption than animal meat products are. And most certainly DBOC's oysters have little impact on the environment as compared with cattle that contribute significant pollution on land and in the atmosphere. Conclusion: Bias against DBOC.

G. DBOC positive result it has on the local economy and the substantial sales tax revenues it collects from sales of its products was not revealed in any report released by the NPS to the public. The NPS also has not disclosed the considerable amount of money DBOC pays the NPS annually in lease payments. Again this all reveals the NPS's bias against DBOC.

H. Former National and State of California elected officials revealed their clear intent decades ago to not have the commercial

oyster operation subject to Federal Wilderness Act conditions. It is significant that in the early 1980s when Congress placed the Wilderness Act boundaries around DBOC's predecessor, the Johnson's Oyster Company, no mention was made in any Federal publication that its lease would not be renewed.

I. Another justification to renew DBOC's current lease is the positive result its shoreside facility offers the public when it visits DBOC facility at the Point Reyes Seashore Park.

Gerry Coles POB 353, Bolinas, CA 94924

Correspondence ID: 49848 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Stewart, Andrew
Outside Organization: UC Berkeley Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 16:16:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49849 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: martin, harold a
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 16:18:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: drakes bay oyster company is a viable business and should be able continue. Our economy is not functioning and we do not need more people on the unemployment roll.

Correspondence ID: 49850 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: clark, patricia a
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 16:18:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS." Please allow them to operate a viable business for us all to grow with and learn from. pat clark 36 bettys way freeport me 04032

Correspondence ID: 49851 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Mikalson, Amanda
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 16:21:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49852 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Sorensen, Patrick G
Outside Organization: Drake's Bay Oyster Farm Supporter Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 16:21:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE:

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

Correspondence ID: 49853 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bailey, Mary C

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 16:21:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Mary Bailey

Correspondence ID: 49854 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: kollarson, gp
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 16:22:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49855 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Barrett, Marilyn
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49856 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Irish, Alan L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence ID: 49857 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Love, Cliff
Outside Organization: Oysters of the Lynnhaven, LLC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 16:31:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support the Drakes Bay Oyster Company Special Use Permit. I have visited this site several times in the last few years and I have been very favorably impressed with the benefits to the environment from the operation of this oyster company. It would be a detriment to the park and the ecosystem to not renew their license. I have leased over 300 acres of oyster growing river bottom in the Lynnhaven River for many years and participated in local efforts to improve the water quality of the river. We have been quite successful and we view the participation of oyster aquaculture as a vital part of the many pronged effort to be good stewards of the river.

Correspondence ID: 49860 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bashford, Arthur L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 16:42:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Managment Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49861 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Bashford, Arthur L

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Correspondence ID: 49862 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Kerestman, Christopher

Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual

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Name: Pitsker, Erika

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Correspondence ID: 49865 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Herman, Mark
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 16:50:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49868 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 16:57:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49869 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Menefee, Rose
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 17:02:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Dakes Bay Oyster farm. It has been a tradition to visit there for fresh oysters. That is a cultural part of the National Area at Point Reyes. I support the alternative to let them continue with a ten year lease with extensions.

Correspondence ID: 49873 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Meyer, Amy
Outside Organization: People for a Golden Gate National Recreation Area Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 17:13:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: re: DEIS Drakes Bay Oyster Company SUP

I support Alternative A of the DEIS. It would fully protect the only marine wilderness possible on the Pacific coast and would fulfill the promise Congress made to the American people in 1976. Any extension of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company (DBOC) SUP would put a private commercial use ahead of public benefit, denigrate the public investment already made in much of the rest of the Point Reyes Wilderness, and set a terrible precedent not just for wilderness but for any other public lands where there are Rights of Use and Occupancy (RUO).

As co-chair of People For a Golden Gate National Recreation Area, an advocacy organization, I became involved with Point Reyes National Seashore in 1970. Because the National Seashore did not have an advisory commission and people here were deeply interested in its protection and development, the 1972 GGNRA legislation included a Federal Advisory Commission for both Point Reyes and the GGNRA. I was appointed to the commission, became its vice-chair, and was present at all the committee and commission meetings concerning the Point Reyes wilderness.

GGNRA's topography and proximity to urban and suburban areas does not permit the designation of a wilderness area. Knowing this, the Advisory Commission gave full support to the largest possible wilderness area in Point Reyes. Our recommendations formed part of the basis of the legislation passed by Congress. Everything in the voting record of the Congress, the House Committee Report on the legislation, and the advisory commission's records supports the designation of the wilderness that became law in the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act. It was divided into two parts: the wilderness that would be designated

immediately and potential wilderness. We supported the continuation of the Johnson's Oyster Company's RUO because we felt it was right to "grandfather in" the non-conforming use for the duration of its time, but it was only with the understanding that was later best expressed in the House Committee Report:

...it is the intention that those lands and waters designated as potential wilderness additions will be essentially managed as wilderness, to the extent possible, with efforts to steadily continue to remove all obstacles to the eventual conversion of these lands and waters to wilderness status.

When the scoping process was done for this EIS, 77% of the people who commented wanted the 1976 legislation honored. They did not want a continuation of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company's RUO beyond 2012.

Several attempts to subvert the intention of RUOs in GGNRA and Point Reyes happened from 1983 - 2000. If any of them had succeeded they would have been precedent-setting. The vigilance of National Park advocates caused them to fail.

Duck Cove is on the east side of Point Reyes National Seashore. A landowner who had accepted a "term" RUO for his house (rather than a "life estate") decided he wanted to extend his residency for ten years. An assistant secretary of interior suggested he buy a piece of land within the park's boundary, which the park wanted to acquire but for which it didn't have the funds, and exchange this for ten more years of occupancy. The matter came to my attention, and I called the National Parks Conservation Association. They directed me to park officials connected with two national parks: Fire Island and Apostle Islands. They told me similar requests had been turned down in their parks. The GGNRA-Point Reyes Advisory Commission heard the matter. With the example of the two eastern parks and the prospect of RUO extensions that would be sought in Redwood National Park if the extension was allowed at Point Reyes (as well as the bitter resentment of former landowners who had not had the political connections to seek extensions of their occupancy) the commission recommended to the Secretary of the Interior that he disapprove this plan.

When Secretary William Clark replied to questions from the House Interior Committee concerning Duck Cove, he wrote:

There is no legal basis for extending a period of occupancy once the contract providing for it has been fulfilled. In the case in question, however, a separate 10-year term to commence at the expiration of the 40-year reservation was being considered under the Secretary's authority to exchange lands and interests therein for other lands needed for park purposes. Although such exchanges are authorized, we will not engage in them unless they are clearly in the Government's best interests. Having considered all aspects of the case in question at Point Reyes, we have elected not to proceed and have so notified the party involved. The proposals at Apostle Islands and Fire Island have likewise been declined.

That would be the end of the story, except for what happened in the GGNRA in the 1990s when RUOs gradually expired on nearly all of about two dozen small houses in five areas. (Only a handful of owners had chosen "life estate.") Some residents accused the NPS of heartlessly destroying their communities when told their time was up. The local newspaper, the Point Reyes Light, took up their cause. If Secretary Clark had not responded as he did to the Duck Cove proposal, there would have been precedent for the NPS to perpetuate the inholdings, preventing the park-related uses of their buildings and land. The RUOs on the houses were not extended.

All of the above applies to the DBOC situation. National parks and other public lands across the country would be affected if the extension of the RUO of DBOC is allowed. There would be an enormous power of precedent for commercial use in wilderness and also for extension of RUOs on other public lands.

The public was promised that Drakes Estero would receive full wilderness status in 2012, once the non-conforming use was removed. This was the culmination of a full process of public input and congressional action. The present owner bought the remainder of the ROU with full knowledge of its limitations. He has been a scofflaw with respect to the requirements of his permit and has been cited repeatedly for his violations by the California Coastal Commission. The requirements of both the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service have likewise been ignored.

As a matter of law and policy, proper resolution of this controversy requires there be no extension of the RUO for DBOC. As a matter of furthering the belief of the American people in the promises of government there should be no extension. The view and the quality of the waters and shoreline of Drakes Estero have been diminished by the DBOC operation. And there must be no place for commercial use in a wilderness area. As our country's population increases and our wild lands diminish, the marine wilderness at Drakes Estero will become ever more valuable. I hope that Secretary Salazar and NPS Director Jarvis will approve Alternative A, the "no action alternative" for Drakes Estero, and thus in November, 2012 provide full wilderness protection for this body of water and embracing land.

Sincerely,

Amy Meyer

Correspondence ID: 49874 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Dengler, Barbara
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 17:14:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative for the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49876 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ventola, Gigi
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 17:20:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49879 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Loughran, Evelyn H
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 17:27:57
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Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49881 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49886 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: goolsby, sara p
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 17:42:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49887 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. It is imperative that the Park Service learn to work with responsible small business effectively.

Correspondence ID: 49892 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kelly, Frances
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 17:50:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49893 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: O'Brien, Carolyn
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 17:50:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49895 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 17:55:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the wilderness designation for Drakes Estero within the Point Reyes National Seashore. I urge the National Park Service and Department of the Interior to uphold the 1976 Point Reyes Wilderness Act and select alternative A, which protects this important marine wilderness and is the environmentally preferred alternative.

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49897 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 18:00:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

As a student of agroecology and environmental studies at UC Santa Cruz I support continued shellfish cultivation within the Drakes Estero. Food security and especially sustainable/organic food security is a growing issue in our country. Loss of wilderness and open space are also very pressing issues though. I believe there is a way to both continue shellfish cultivation and keep the Estero wild.

In my numerous visits to the Drakes Bay Oyster Farm and the Point Reyes National Seashore I have never witnessed events that would suggest the beauty and nature of the Drakes Estero are compromised by the actions of the oyster farm. As long as current science shows they are not impacting the Estero negatively and the Drakes Bay Oyster Company can commit to preserving the nature of the Drakes Estero they should be granted a special use permit with the option of an extension.

Correspondence ID: 49902 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, LARRY
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 18:09:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49904 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Almeida, Erika
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 18:20:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49905 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: El Khouey, Jeanine
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 18:20:26
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Correspondence ID: 49906 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Smith, R.N., Gwyneth J.
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,05,2011 18:20:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49907 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Dickinson, Robert P
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 18:25:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

I'm an environmentalist, and all for preserving land in as pristine a state as possible, but this goes too far. I believe Drakes Bay should be allowed to continue with oyster production.

Sincerely,

Rob Dickinson

Correspondence ID: 49908 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Conatser, Sonja F
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 18:26:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, Drakes Estero should be given full wilderness protection that Congress promised. It is long overdue! Drakes Bay Oyster Co. knew that their lease would end in 2012 and the oyster company should have made alternative plans in advance.

Public lands belong to the public and should never be allowed to be degraded for the private sector profit. Growing nonnative claims and oysters should never be allowed in a National Seashore.

Drakes Estero is the only marine wilderness on the west coast and should be left for the migrating birds, seals, endangered salmon and trout.

I realize that I do not live in California, so THANK YOU for allowing me to comment on this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 49909 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kovar, Fred R
Outside Organization: Private citizen Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 18:28:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Alternative Plan for the Drake's Bay Oyster Farm.

Correspondence ID: 49910 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fischer, Elaine
Outside Organization: NRDC Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 18:33:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is a national ecological treasure and should become a protected wilderness area. It has outstanding natural resources, including one of California's largest harbor seal colonies and tens of thousands of shorebirds, waterfowl, native fish and endangered species that use its wetlands, mudflats and eelgrass beds.

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49911 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Mahan, James W
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05.2011 00:00:00
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Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVE: A Ten-Year Special Use Permit with Option for Extension; Rehabilitation of Existing Facilities; and Construction of New Processing Facilities This alternative permits DBOC to continue to utilize onshore facilities within the Seashore (PRNS) pastoral zone to support shellfish cultivation in Drakes Estero pursuant to its leases from the California Department of Fish and Game [CDFG]. DBOC would pay "fair market value" for use of the onshore facilities, which would take into account the value of interpretive services provided and the investment needed to rehabilitate existing facilities and construct new processing facilities. The rehabilitation and construction work would be as described in the discussion of Alternative D. Under this alternative, DBOC will collaborate with relevant organizations, including but not limited to the NPS, the CDFG, the UC SeaGrant program and other educational and research agencies and in developing interpretive programs and scientifically valid research projects as recommended by the NRC and MMC. This alternative provides educational opportunities for people of all ages, including Seashore visitors, students and researchers, relating to estuarine ecology and mariculture. This alternative is consistent with the "national interest" expressed in President Clinton's May 26, 2000 Executive Order 13158 directing the Departments of Commerce (DOC) and Interior to expand and strengthen the "Nation's system of marine protected areas." It respects the California Fish and Game Commission designation, effective May 2010, of Drakes Estero as a State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), a protected area in which recreational clam digging and shellfish cultivation pursuant to CDFG leases are permitted. DBOC's operation within a SMCA and PRNS presents a unique opportunity for collaborative research that supports the policies of the National Shellfish Initiative [Initiative] announced by NOAA and DOC in June 2011, and responds directly and positively to NRC and MMC recommendations regarding collaborative efforts to inform adaptive management of Drakes Estero. This alternative supports the goals of the Initiative, which are to increase domestic seafood production, create sustainable jobs and restore marine habitats. It provides opportunities for research as called for by the Initiative, ".on the interactions between shellfish and the environment in terms of climate change, ocean acidification, naturally occurring pathogens and parasites, and other factors . . ." This alternative supports DBOC's efforts to restore native oysters in Drakes Estero and to study the potential for native oysters to withstand the effects of global ocean acidification now beginning to affect all Pacific coast shellfish. This alternative sustainably supports the local economy by continuing to attract thousands of ethnically diverse visitors to West Marin every year and continuing to provide over half of the San Francisco Bay Area's sustainably farmed shellfish. It protects desperately needed affordable housing for farmworkers on remote Point Reyes ranches. Under this alternative, DBOC will continue to provide essential oyster shell for environmental programs, such as the San Francisco Bay Native Oyster Restoration Project, the SF Bay Bird Observatory Snowy Plover Habitat Enhancement Project and the California Department of Fish and Game Least Tern Habitat Enhancement Project. This alternative supports a landscape that is ecologically and economically sustainable. It is consistent with the natural resource management provisions in the PRNS General Management Plan, and enables the Seashore to collaboratively integrate ecosystem science and natural and cultural resource management to better understand and manage relationships among the physical, biological, and cultural elements of a working land and seascape, while maintaining its distinctive "sense of place and character."

Correspondence ID: 49912 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, Alex
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05.2011 18:42:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49915 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Johnson, Judy
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05.2011 18:50:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49917 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Dakin, John
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 18:53:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I enthusiastically support the proposal that allows Marin Oyster Company to remain in business within Point Reyes National Seashore

Correspondence ID: 49919 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: GARMY, CLAIRE & PATRICK
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 18:55:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49920 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Gurnari, Steve
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 18:56:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUPWe support diverse sustainable farming."

Correspondence ID: 49923 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 18:58:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save Drake's Bay Oyster Farm!

Correspondence ID: 49925 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Smith, Louis B
Outside Organization: Self Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 19:00:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Greetings, I want to express my full support for the DBOC and their stewardship of the estuary and the resources of land, industry and employment. Best, Louis B. Smith

Correspondence ID: 49937 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Dhillon, Apperjit
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 19:29:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49942 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Kemp, Barry G
Outside Organization: Oyster Eater Extrordinaire Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 19:35:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Leave the poor people alone. The are superb stewards of the area,provide a good reason .and refreshment to those that visit the park. They should be grandfathered in. To many beureacrats ruining the world as it is.

Barry G. Kemp

Correspondence ID: 49949 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: P., Kendra
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 19:47:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep Drake Farm open. Oysters are incredibly nutritious and sustainable. Oysters are also good for the earth. Please don't penalize Drake Farm.

Correspondence ID: 49951 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lohr, Krista
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 19:51:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49952 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: heinecken, geoff r
Outside Organization: audubon society Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 19:52:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Managment Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49954 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: O'Leary, Clare
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 19:55:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. I believe that the best way forward is to approve a Ten-Year Special Use Permit with Option for Extension, the Rehabilitation of Existing Facilities and the Construction of New Processing Facilities.

Correspondence ID: 49955 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Powell, Susanne L
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 19:59:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49962 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: schuster, steven m
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 20:18:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drake's Bay Oyster seems too be an asset and to be a conscientious steward of our commons.

I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Steven Schuster Lagunitas CA.

Correspondence ID: 49965 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Romer, Elke

Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,05,2011 20:20:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49968 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Mellon, Thomas J

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,05,2011 20:26:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are even remotely appropriate. Drakes Bay Oyster Co. Must be granger a renewable special use permit.

Correspondence ID: 49969 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: Riley, Callie C

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,05,2011 20:38:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

Correspondence ID: 49970 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390

Name: N/A, N/A

Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual

Received: Dec,05,2011 20:50:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49971 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Ben-Shmuel, Matananda
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 20:51:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

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Correspondence ID: 49972 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: choate, ronnie l
Outside Organization: calif. fishing lic.holder Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 21:05:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the collaborative management alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBS SUP EIS.

Correspondence ID: 49973 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Lepisto, Arnie
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 21:12:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: None of the proposed alternatives are appropriate. I support a renewable Special Use Permit for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.

Correspondence ID: 49974 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Fiene, Thomas J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 21:15:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

I have travelled to locations all over the world on sail boats, dive boats, fishing boats, and kayaks. In my opinion, Drakes Estero rivals anyplace on earth with it's natural beauty and it's diverse, pristine and healthy ecosystem. I have kayaked, and dove in many estuaries and Drakes is definitely the most pristine and healthy. It's clear waters are teeming with life at every level of the food chain.

DBOC has done an amazing job of operating in perfect balance with the environment without causing any negative impact. In fact I think that all of the oyster beds actually play an important roll in keeping the environment so pristine

Please support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Thank you,

Thomas Fiene

Correspondence ID: 49975 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Whipple, Susan
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 21:20:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49976 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Stewart, Gayla
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 21:21:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 49977 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Harband, Jeff
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 21:31:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS."

Correspondence ID: 49978 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Burns, Stephanie A
Outside Organization: Napa Valley College Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 21:38:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support position that the National Park should not extend the lease on the oyster farm operation in Drakes Estero. The extension of the lease would jeopardize the many agreements between the Park Service and other government agencies with private land owners and businesses. The original lease should be a binding agreement, to nullify this would call in to question all such agreements. The oyster farm may not seem intrusive but as a bird watcher and an educator I have avoided this area because I don't come to the National Park to view a commercial operation. The financial gain of a well connected person should not supersede the interests of the public.

The extension of the lease would go against the mission of the Park Service: "Point Reyes National Seashore was established to preserve and protect wilderness, natural ecosystems, and cultural resources along the diminishing undeveloped coastline of the United States. Located just an hour's drive from a densely populated metropolitan area, the Seashore is a sanctuary for countless plant and animal species and a haven for human inspiration, education, and recreation." The natural resources are for all to enjoy, not for a few to profit from. As a Biology professor at a community college I have enjoyed Pt. Reyes for many years and have taken numerous college classes to the park for educational field trips. It is important that the park be used for the intended purpose, to preserve and protect the wilderness. Drakes Estero is a important habitat for marine mammals and birds. The return of the estero to a more natural state is even more important now that peregrine falcons are nesting in the park.

There is no reason to extend the lease, it was a fair agreement when it was made in 1972. This agreement gave ample time for the land owner to enjoy the profits of the oyster farm and prepare for the termination of the lease. The farm was purchased by the new owners with the knowledge that the lease would end. The EIS clearly states that the impact of returning the land to the natural state would have a positive effect on the wildlife; this should be the primary evidence used to make the decision. I firmly believe that the rights of the public should outweigh the financial interests of one individual and to that end I strongly support the position to let the lease expire.

Sincerely

Dr Stephanie Burns Professor of Biology Napa Valley College

Correspondence ID:	49979	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Vass, Jeff				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec.05,2011 21:41:14				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative to the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49980	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Gallardo, Benjamin				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec.05,2011 21:53:41				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.				
Correspondence ID:	49981	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Kowalski, James S				
Outside Organization:	Concerned citizen Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec.05,2011 22:03:10				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the C.M.A. as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS . Thank You for your work to keep OUR Shorelines in working order. Jim Kowalski ..				
Correspondence ID:	49982	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Ridley, Mikkel J				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec.05,2011 22:03:20				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS				
Correspondence ID:	49983	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	Miller, Ella				
Outside Organization:	National Parks Conservation Association Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec.05,2011 22:04:58				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I urge you to protect Drakes Estero wilderness next year, as long intended. It is in the public interest to create the West Coast's only marine wilderness for the enjoyment of all. The public has waited nearly four decades for these protections to be implemented, which is an immense compromise in itself. Drakes Estero is a rare wildlife refuge where migrating birds stop over, harbor seals give birth, and fish take shelter in eelgrass. As someone who enjoys our nation's national parks and their wildlife, I urge you to uphold the longstanding plan to convert this very special resource to wilderness.				
	I urge you to select alternative "A", which protects marine wilderness next year and is the Environmentally Preferred Alternative. The National Park Service is mandated to provide maximum protection to the natural resources at Drakes Estero and selecting this alternative is the most consistent with the laws and policies affecting this park. Our national parks are set aside for the public and for wildlife protection, and after waiting nearly 40 years for private commercial use rights to expire, it's time to give the estuary the protection it needs. The environmental review shows that alternative "A" is best for public policy, and best protects harbor seals, fish, birds and other natural resources. Drakes Estero is our only marine wilderness on the West Coast, and is irreplaceable, while oysters can be commercially grown elsewhere.				
	Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.				
Correspondence ID:	49984	Project:	33043	Document:	43390
Name:	N/A, N/A				
Outside Organization:	Unaffiliated Individual				
Received:	Dec.05,2011 22:20:08				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Please allow the oyster farming in Drakes Bay to continue. The Management Collaboration Alternative sounds like exactly what is needed for the Parks and the farm to form a partnership to move forward.				

Correspondence ID: 49985 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Henderson, James P
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 22:25:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern: I am writing to express my opposition to the extension of the lease of public land to Drake's Bay Oyster Company beyond 2012. I have been enjoying the Pt. Reyes National Seashore since my first visit there in 1977. Over the years I have noticed the how it has improved with expanded visitor facilities, better trails, more interpretive exhibits, and most importantly more native species of wildlife.

In 1972 taxpayers bought the property where the Drake's Bay Oyster Company resides and gave the operation a 40 year lease. In 2004 Kevin Lunny purchased the business with full knowledge of how many years remained on the lease and he now seeks to renegotiate the terms agreed to in 1972. It is my understanding that National Parks and Seashores belong to all of the citizens of the United States and exist for their enjoyment as well as the preservation of the natural environment. I therefore feel is it a violation of the goals of the Park Service to change the rules for the financial benefit of a politically well-connected businessman at the expense of both the public and the environment.

Last spring on as visit to Pt. Reyes I saw four Peregrine Falcons and I could not help that think at the time that I first visited Pt. Reyes there were only two pairs of nesting Peregrines in the entire state of California. One of the factors that helped the Peregrine Falcon to come back from the brink of extinction is the preservation of natural habitat. Let's not lose this opportunity to allow more wilderness to be created.

Sincerely

James Patrick Henderson

Correspondence ID: 49986 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Brennan, Bruce J
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 22:45:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Please keep Drakes Bay Oysters available!

Correspondence ID: 49987 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Westra, Jennifer
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 22:51:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49988 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Schloo-Wright, Carol
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05,2011 22:56:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS. Let Drakes Bay Oyster Farm live and thrive!!!

Correspondence ID: 49989 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: N/A, N/A
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 23:04:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS

Correspondence ID: 49990 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Crowley, Leah
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 23:21:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Name: Barouch, Melissa
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 23:21:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49992 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Teig, Mark
Outside Organization: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec,05,2011 23:21:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 49993 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Phillips Kushigemachi, Amy
Outside Organization: Sierra Club Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05.2011 23:36:51
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: 49994 **Project:** 33043 **Document:** 43390
Name: Frame, Lynne H
Outside Organization: Unaffiliated Individual
Received: Dec.05.2011 23:36:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: 5 December, 2011

Ken Salazar, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Department of the Interior? 1849 C Street N.W.? Washington DC 20240

Re.: National Park Service policy on food production, land stewardship, and Drakes Bay Oyster Company

Dear Secretary Salazar, As an environmentalist and citizen active in the movement for a healthy, sustainable food system, I am writing of my personal concern about important, unresolved issues pertaining to the National Park Service's (NPS) relationship to food production and local communities in Point Reyes National Seashore-and nationally, as well as credible challenges to the scientific integrity of findings in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding Drakes Bay Oyster Company (DBOC). As a result of these concerns, I strongly encourage you to ensure that a renewable 10-year special use permit for DBOC in the Point Reyes National Seashore is issued. Through my work with Slow Food USA, I, along with thousands of like-minded citizens, am committed to achieving a food system that is good for people and the planet. This means we are committed to sustainable agriculture, local food sheds, food traditions, the preservation of biodiversity, and healthy local economies. I therefore take great interest in the NPS' relationship to food production, biodiversity, and sustainability in lands under its management all across the country. I thus laud the values and objectives of the NPS' own Conservation Study Institute (CSI), whose project, Stewardship Begins With People: An Atlas of Place, People, and Hand-Made Products, aims to - Recognize people practicing stewardship that sustains important landscapes and living cultures. - Highlight the biodiversity value of cultural landscapes. - Model sustainable behaviors to visitors and neighbors, demonstrating a commitment to community stewardship of landscapes. - Enhance relationships between parks and neighboring communities (<http://www.nps.gov/csi/engagement/atlas.htm>) Featured in the Stewardship atlas are a number of Point Reyes-area food producers, including the Lunny family ranch and their DBOC oyster farm. Indeed, as witnessed by generations of local and foreign visitors, oyster farming in Drakes Estero has long constituted just such an important cultural and educational resource. In recent years, many of the estimated 50,000 annual visitors to DBOC also take time to learn about its sustainable aquaculture practices, most of which have been instituted since the Lunny family purchased the operation. The Lunnys and one other PRNS rancher are celebrated in the Atlas as models of stewardship, who are demonstrating a commitment to sustainability, preservation of traditional cultures, and cultural landscapes. They "deserve both recognition and encouragement"(Diamant, p. 5), according to CSI. Regrettably, this professed commitment by NPS to sustainable food production, preservation of cultural landscapes, and community collaboration, is not only inconsistently implemented nationwide, but appears to be eroding over the past few years, especially in the case of Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS). Ranch leases in the National Seashore have been converted upon expiration to short-term use permits (5 years), while elsewhere there are national parks offering 60-year leases to farmers (e.g. Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Program). (In fact, Dr. Gary Machlis, Science Advisor to Director Jon Jarvis, is now reviewing how those policies and lease agreements vary across the system.) The Stewardship atlas

and a number of other CSI publications emphasize the need for active collaboration between NPS and local land stewards, but in recent years in PRNS there appears to be more avoidance and outright conflict than cooperation. The struggle of the DBOC for renewal of its Special Use Permit is only one example. Rather than collaborative work with DBOC operators towards common goals, the last several years have been characterized by antagonistic efforts by NPS management, including installation of secret surveillance cameras (Cashulin) to make a case for removal of the oyster farm in 2012 at any cost. This, despite the renewability clause in the aquaculture lease and clarity of the legislative intent to preserve the oyster operation indefinitely as a "prior non-conforming use" within a "potential wilderness" zone. (Bagley/Burton/McCloskey). From an institution that truly values collaboration and encouragement of stewardship and sustainability, I would expect a different approach to, for example, (alleged) disturbances of marine mammal life by the aquaculture operations. If investigations have indeed documented disturbances of marine mammals caused by the aquaculture operation in Drakes Estero (which is heavily disputed; see below), why has NPS made no significant effort to help DBOC modify its practices in order to mitigate any negative impact? Why not collaborate to further improve the sustainability of this working landscape-unless there is simply no real commitment to the collaborative conservation model at all? I am furthermore extremely concerned that food production on many of the eight family-run ranches located within the Drakes Estero watershed is also at risk from the consequences of closure of the DBOC, should water quality in the Estero be impacted by removal of the filtering capacity of the oysters. Legislation creating the park and NPS policies and statements have claimed that there is a commitment to preservation of the working cultural landscape of ranches in PRNS. However, the extraordinarily short time frame of the use permits under which the ranches now operate does not inspire confidence in that commitment (Rilla & Bush, 2009). To the contrary, it raises suspicion that park management has positioned itself to be able to easily shut down ranches in short order, should the removal of aquaculture and its filtering effect from Drake's Estero cause a reduction in water quality, due to an increased negative impact of runoff from surrounding ranches. While the authors of the draft EIS (personal communication, 10/19/11) and park officials have declared the aquaculture permit and ranching permits to be separate issues, there is little question that they could become intricately related, should removal of DBOC disrupt the ecological balance that currently maintains pristine water quality in the Estero, despite the presence of working ranches in the watershed. The potential long-term consequences of eventually removing much or all food production in PRNS, should the current ecological balance be disturbed, must urgently be considered as part of this crucial decision regarding management of Drakes Estero. This represents a serious blind spot in the draft EIS, which assesses potential climate change impacts as "likely to be negligible" and dismisses them from further study (Draft EIS, xv), along with "Cultural Landscapes" and "Cultural Resources." But the impact of wider spread ranch closures that could follow as an unintended consequence of removing aquaculture from the Estero could certainly be significant, perhaps devastating, to both the Point Reyes ecology and the community far beyond the PRNS borders. Given that agriculture on land under PRNS management accounts for 17 percent of total food production in Marin County (Rilla & Bush, 2009), the potential climate change impact of further ranch closures cannot be considered negligible in the long run. Furthermore, it is now widely recognized that the removal of grazing activities from the peninsula would likely present serious threats to the health of native biodiversity (Rilla & Bush, 2009). The rural economy of West Marin is largely dependent on the health of agriculture and tourism from around the world-tourism that is in fact largely driven by the attractions of the unique local food culture and pastoral, working landscape of this region. Given the proportion of food production and treasured cultural landscapes under NPS management in the region, ignoring this possible domino effect and its consequences is one of the serious flaws in the draft EIS. Taken as a whole, the precarious situation of the land stewards in PRNS suggests a reduced commitment by NPS as an institution to the values of collaborative conservation and a potential endangerment of sustainable food production and working cultural landscapes throughout the lands under their management-a change that I, along with many citizens concerned about land stewardship and sustainable food, strongly lament. Finally, I am aware of allegations by several reputable scientists, including members of the National Academy of Sciences and the Pacific Institute, which assert that the scientific data underlying much of the draft EIS for the DBOC permit renewal is in some cases fatally flawed, and in others has been misinterpreted or misrepresented by NPS management and subcontractors (Goodman 2010, Gleick 2011). Indeed, evidence of this sort of egregious manipulation of science by NPS to support foregone conclusions emerges almost daily. When the Marine Mammal Commission recently issued conclusions of its study of the NPS data on seal disturbance trends and DBOC operations, it concluded that the data were "scant" and "stretched to their limit," and furthermore noted that correlations between mariculture activity and seal disturbances were "not sufficient to demonstrate a causal effect" (Mariculture, iii). The NPS public commentary in response to these conclusions, that the harbor seal impact had been demonstrated and their scientists vindicated (Prado, 2011), flies in the face of not only the report's actual conclusions, but also the fundamental scientific and statistical principles taught in any undergraduate education: correlation is not causation. There is no explanation for such manipulation of the public trust, other than a myopic pursuit of DBOC closure at all costs. I consider resolution of the recently initiated congressional investigation into this matter (Sharp, 2011) to be an absolute prerequisite for any further decisions regarding the fate of DBOC. Should the allegations be found to have merit, the implications for public confidence in the integrity of NPS management policies, especially with regard to land stewards, would reach far beyond Point Reyes National Seashore. In sum, I believe that the focus of the National Park Service with respect to food production nationally should be on collaboration with land stewards. The first priority of NPS should be to assist-not hinder-food producers to become models of sustainability and stewardship. In the case of Drakes Bay Oyster Company, a ten-year extension of the special use permit is required in order to ensure that all of the following urgently needed measures are implemented before any decision can be taken regarding the ultimate fate of aquaculture in Drakes Estero: ? Collaborative development, including representation of all stakeholders, of clear and consistent national policies regarding treatment of food producers on national park lands (including reasonable permit/lease time frames). ? Implementation of an NPS policy of "collaboration before closure": collaborative problem-solving to reach mutual goals of minimal environmental impact for aquaculture in Drakes Estero and for all food production operations under NPS management. ? Resolution of the current congressional investigation into integrity of the NPS process concerning DBOC. ? Further scientific investigation of environmental impacts of aquaculture in Drakes Estero (positive and negative)-unbiased and reviewed by reputable scientists with no stake in the decision or ties to NPS. To be clear: should reliable scientific evidence of significant environmental harm be found in the course of the extended permit period, despite collaborative remediation efforts on the part of DBOC and NPS, I and my like-minded colleagues would advocate removal of the oyster farm. In short, I urge you to grant a minimum 10-year use permit renewal to allow time for collaboration, clarity, and communication before any reasonable decision can be taken regarding permanent removal of aquaculture from Drakes Estero. As both the legislative process creating PRNS and the leases issued clearly reflect the intent to retain the working cultural landscapes of Point Reyes, including the oyster farm (Bagley/Burton/McCloskey), and because numerous ecological and economic impacts on the region are at stake, permanent closure should be a measure of last resort. One final note: though I do not advocate any of the EIS alternatives, as they all guarantee final closure regardless of further study, some terms of use in Alternative D should be considered, in particular because it would allow DBOC to act on its plans to restore an indigenous species, the Olympia oyster, to Drakes Estero. Its introduction to local consumers and re-introduction to the ecology of the bay and can only have a positive impact on the local food economy, regardless of the ultimate fate of aquaculture in Drakes

Estero. I thank you for your thoughtful attention to this pressing matter and its implications for an entire region and indeed, for public lands across the country.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Senator Diane Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey

1. From "Reservation of Use" (lease) text: "...its successors and assigns, a terminable right to use and occupy the...property...for a period of 40 years for the purpose of processing and selling wholesale and retail oysters, seafood...the interpretation of oyster cultivation to the visiting public, and residential purposes reasonably incidental.... Upon expiration of the reserved term, a special use permit may be issued for the continued occupancy of the property and the herein described purposes." (N. Lunny, personal communication, 11/12/11)

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Drakes Bay Oyster has been an institution! Please do not end this great oyster farm in God's country!

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There is a sufficiency in the world for man's need but not for man's greed. ~Mohandas K. Gandhi

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

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

Please honor the promise made for a protected marine wilderness at Drakes Estero. In doing so, you will set a good policy

example and reward the public with an enduring legacy feat found nowhere else on the West Coast.

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Correspondence: Drakes Estero is the ecological heart of Point Reyes National Seashore and a treasure that belongs to all Americans. In 1976, Congress promised that the Estero would receive full wilderness protection when the current lease for commercial oyster operations expires in 2012. I urge the Park Service to honor the wilderness promise and protect Drakes Estero for future generations.

Drakes Estero is home to 20 percent of the mainland breeding population of harbor seals in California and is used by tens of thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl and dozens of species of native fish. Your draft environmental impact statement makes clear that the existing commercial oyster operation is causing extensive damage to Drakes Estero and the Seashore's beaches, and that allowing these operations to continue would cause even more long-term harm.

Your environmental review also shows that alternative "A"--no new permit for commercial oyster operations and protection of the Estero as full wilderness--is the environmentally preferred alternative and the one that best protects harbor seals, birds, fish and other natural resources.

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

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I have travelled to locations all over the world on sail boats, dive boats, fishing boats, and kayaks. In my opinion, Drakes Estero rivals anyplace on earth with it's natural beauty and it's diverse, pristine and healthy ecosystem. I have been in many estuaries and Drakes is definitely the most pristine and healthy I have seen. It's clear waters are teeming with life at every level of the food chain.

Drakes Bay Oyster Farm has done an amazing job of operating in perfect balance with the environment without causing any negative impact. In fact I think that all of the oyster beds actually play an important roll in keeping the environment so pristine.

Please support the Collaborative Management Alternative as the preferred alternative in the final DBOC SUP EIS.

Thank you,

Dan Silveira
