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California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Re: Withdrawal of Support for Petition Regarding Duxbury Reef SMCA

Dear President Zavaleta and Commissioners,

I am writing to formally withdraw my prior support for the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin's (EAC) petition requesting changes to the Marine Protected Area (MPA) designation at Duxbury Reef State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA), from my November 21, 2023 letter.

My prior support in 2023 was based on the petition's goal of improving clarity, consistency, and protection for a valued and sensitive marine environment. At the time my office was presented with 150 signatures of support, including from the local fishing community. The petition appeared to reflect broad and diverse community backing.

In the past year, I've heard from many other members of the West Marin community who are opposed to EAC's position and were unaware of the petition until well after its submission. They have shared their perspective that a more inclusive, community-informed approach is needed in shaping the future of Duxbury Reef – one that is rooted in long-standing connections to the reef.

Today, the Bolinas community is largely united in its opposition to the petition and their concern about being left out any public conversation prior to its submission. I hear my constituents clearly. They want an opportunity to be meaningfully engaged in shaping the future of Duxbury Reef, and deliberating this matter at the Fish and Game Commission level is simply too far along in the process.

I am respectfully asking for Commissioners to set aside, or withdraw, the petition. I request that Commissioners instead focus on creating an opportunity for meaningful community engagement and feedback – outside of a regulatory rulemaking context – to help develop a collective vision that reflects the local cultural, ecological, and recreational importance of Duxbury Reef.

The Bolinas community would be willing to come together for a constructive, respectful dialogue about the challenges facing the reef, especially those whose lives, work, and traditions are deeply linked to this coastline.

This is an opportunity for collaboration and for the community to work together toward shared stewardship of a place they deeply value.

I urge the Commission to set aside, or withdraw the petition, and allow the community to develop a broad community vision for stewardship of the Duxbury Reef.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis J. Rodoni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dennis Rodoni