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Subject: Re Biological Resources

Dear Supervisors Sundberg, Bass, Fennell, Lovelace, and Bohn,

In Feb 2011 National Marine Fisheries Service reported that --since the 2005 Central Coast Calif Coho salmon status review, which declared them in danger of extinction --- coho habitat conditions have worsened. Parts of the Status Review are attached. The status review for our North Coast should be coming soon, and will probably look very much like this.

Now may be our only chance to avoid the extinction threat & expense of the mandatory recovery process faced by neighboring coastal units.

Mirroring this NMFS report, our North Coast streams are increasingly impaired by loss of forest canopy and altered stream vegetation & flows, resulting in erosion, high temperatures, loss of pools & clean gravels, high levels of sediment and turbidity, and great impacts to salmon spawning and feeding

Better streamside management & riparian buffers are essential, especially given the damaging effects of our old policies, and the inevitable exemptions, variances, and difficulties of enforcement which will come with our new ones.

Humboldt is blessed with scientists and natural resource professionals famous for their expertise. Please consult with them and carefully weigh the opinions which come with highly regarded scientific credentials against those with special financial interests. We have seen too much polarization and incomplete information driving this process.

We need a General Plan which will help stop the decline of the natural resources on which this county's long term well-being depends. Our biological diversity is a critical indicator of the health of those resources - especially our wild salmon - a critical link in the food chain for humans & wildlife for millennia, and important to the regional economy for over a century. And its commercial value is rising steadily with national and international demand for foods that are healthy for people and the environment.

Thank you for your hard work and consideration.

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