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Re: Establishment of Turtle Island Salmon Center

Dear Mr. Bowen:

I am writing to express my support for Turtle Island Restoration Network's proposal for creation of the Turtle Island Salmon Center. Turtle Island Restoration Network (TIRN), a nonprofit organization is actively working to develop this project in the Lagunitas Creek Watershed of West Marin County.

It is my understanding that TIRN will establish this innovative community-friendly center with intentions of providing a multitude of services. Its ideal location will allow the center to act as a monitoring and research station that will assist in the scientific understanding of the endangered Coho salmon. Additionally, the center will provide information and resources to better educate the general public about the area's sensitive watershed, and will provide a facility for students and interns interested in aquatic and marine ecosystems. Most importantly, this project will guarantee the protection of the creek, its wildlife, and creekside property.

Turtle Island Restoration Network's proposal to protect the endangered Coho salmon of West Marin will ultimately benefit the delicate ecosystem that we are all a part of. This project is of great importance to 6th Congressional District, and I urge you to give it your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my grants coordinator, Ed Sheffield, in my Santa Rosa office at (707) 542-7182.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress

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